

# ODAWA TRAILS

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## LTBB ARTIST TOM TEUTHORN SPEAKS THROUGH HIS ART

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Tom Teuthorn is not one for words. Instead, he prefers to let his art speak for him.

"I hope my art does that," said Teuthorn, a LTBB Tribal Citizen who works as a Facilities Worker at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. "I was taught you have to be a walking example for your people. I've always wanted to pass on the oral history and stories told to me by people I consider my teachers. I hope when people see my art, it inspires them to learn the traditional teachings and to pass them on."

Gwen Gasco, a LTBB Tribal Citizen and Teuthorn's girlfriend, said a lot of Teuthorn's inspiration comes from his teachings.

"In our culture, there is a meaning and a purpose in everything we do," said Gasco, who works as an Administrative Assistant for the Health Department. "His art is the same."

"He puts a lot of detail in everything he does. He comes up with a basic idea initially, and it is simple. But by the time he is done, it is anything but simple. He naturally comes up with the details as he works. It's not a job to him. Something inspires him to do it."

Teuthorn created the three murals in the commons area of the governmental center as well as the decorative border around the walls of the entranceway and commons area. It took him a month to create the three murals. He created them more than two years ago.

"It is the only time I feel calm and relaxed," Teuthorn said of doing his art. "A calmness comes over me when I paint. A lot of it is natural because I am self-taught. A lot of times, I shock myself because I come up with things as I work. Personally, I see my work as an expression of our oral history. For me, I'm telling a story by my work."

The teachings that inspire him came from the elders in his family and those he considers teachers such as the late Frank "Pine" Shomin, the late Sam Keway and Roland Petoskey. His mother, Edith (Fenner) Teuthorn, his grandmother, Cora (Shananaquet) Fenner and his father, Robert Teuthorn, all supported and influenced his art. His father is an artist who does mostly scenery and wildlife whereas Teuthorn incorporates people in his work.

"My grandmother was Odawa, and she taught me to be proud of my heritage," Teuthorn said. "My grandmother and mother instilled the culture in me. I have always been very proud of my heritage. I have always enjoyed doing art that features Odawa people."

"Frank taught me the traditional teachings he learned from Sam, his teacher. When you sit around the fire with Roland, he makes you understand the importance of living your life

the right way. Roland helps keep people on the right path in life."

In one of his murals at the governmental center, Teuthorn depicts his teachers, Shomin, Keway and Petoskey, in the clouds.

"I was taught we follow the path of the thunderbirds," Teuthorn said. "The fire on the mural represents the council fires held at Crooked Tree, and the seven points on the fire represent the seven directions. The two birch bark logs under the fire symbolize we need to come together as a people. There are 21 feathers for 21 teachings. The white pine tree represents the Waganakising tree and the great law of peace. The wild roses that are in the background represent medicine for women."

Women have influenced me, and I wanted to incorporate that in the mural. My biggest influence has been my mother."

Odawa women are depicted in the other two murals at the governmental center.

In a mural originally started by someone else, Teuthorn painted a woman who represents his grandmother.

"Originally, the other person who started it wanted to do something with bringing back the big drum," Teuthorn said. "I struggled for a while with this mural because I wanted to do something original. The big drum was a gift from a woman. I looked toward someone I knew, so I drew an Odawa woman who represented my grandmother."

"The pipe is there to represent the pipe ceremony. Each direction is depicted. The east is for the young children, the north is for the elders, the west is for middle-aged people and the south is for teenagers. I have hand prints of people of all ages."

The third mural at the governmental center depicts an Odawa woman elder in the clouds, and there are five women represented by ghostly images performing a water ceremony. Mary Hemenway painted the background of the mural.

"I went through photos in our Archives De-

partment and came up with the idea for this one," Teuthorn said. "When an elder passes on, he or she is looking down watching us."

Eventually, Teuthorn would like to add plaques explaining what each mural represents.

"It needs to be done, but I'm not one for words," Teuthorn said.

Every day at work, Teuthorn walks by the murals and thinks there is more that should be done to them. Gasco said that is the perfectionist in Teuthorn.

"He is his own worst critic," Gasco said.

"Everyone else sees these beautiful murals, but he thinks he can do something more with them. Maybe it is an artist thing."

Teuthorn's most recent mural is the Circle of Excellence one in the Human Resources Department located in the governmental center. He did it the weekend before Christmas 2006, and it took him 10 hours to do it. Gasco's daughter, Tawnee Mickalacki, helped Teuthorn formulate the basic idea for the mural.

"Tawnee came up with the idea of having drummers on it," Teuthorn said. "The four drummers are playing an honor song. The lightning bolts are to remind us to remember our relatives who struggled to have what we have today. They made this all possible."

The Circle of Excellence program provides the LTBB Governmental Team a chance to recognize seven team members for their hard work, dedication, teamwork, dependability and commitment to customer service. Seven individuals were honored at the employee appreciation dinner held January 12 at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI. A story about the event will appear in the March issue of *Odawa Trails*.

Teuthorn is putting the finishing touches on 20 dodem symbols. Once Teuthorn finishes working on them, he wants to make a presentation to the Tribal Council, and he hopes to eventually put them on walls throughout the governmental center.

"There are so many walls here with noth-

ing on them," Teuthorn said. "It would be nice to have something on them. It would break up the monotony of the walls."

Besides painting the murals in the governmental center, Teuthorn created the design for the 15th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow t-shirt, the 12th Annual Sovereignty Day Celebration t-shirt and the Peacekeeping logo.

"If I have problems creating something, I put tobacco down, and I ask the Creator for guidance," Teuthorn said. "I believe my art is a gift from the Creator."

Teuthorn said he admires Dave Shananaquet's work. Shananaquet, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, designed and painted the clan paintings hanging on the Tribal Courtroom's walls.

"I look at his work, and I am impressed," Teuthorn said. "I wouldn't mind working with him in the future on something. In the future, I would also like to work with tribal kids on a mural. Maybe if we have a youth center in the future, we could do it on a gym wall."

Although Teuthorn's father is an artist, Teuthorn is a self-taught artist who began to draw when he was six. He was one of 10 children in his family, and his bedroom had three bunk beds. He slept on one of the top bunks, closest to the ceiling.

"I took some markers, and I drew body figures on the ceiling when I was a young kid," said Teuthorn, 45. "I signed it when I was done. I got in a lot of trouble for doing it."

"I always drew on the walls as a kid. I drew graffiti. I was always creative in arts."

Besides family members, Teuthorn said Gasco is very encouraging of his art.

"She supports me the way everyone wants to be supported," Teuthorn said. "She has always told me it is a gift from the Creator. She helps me walk on the right path."

Gasco and Teuthorn attend Anishinaabemowin Immersion classes together.

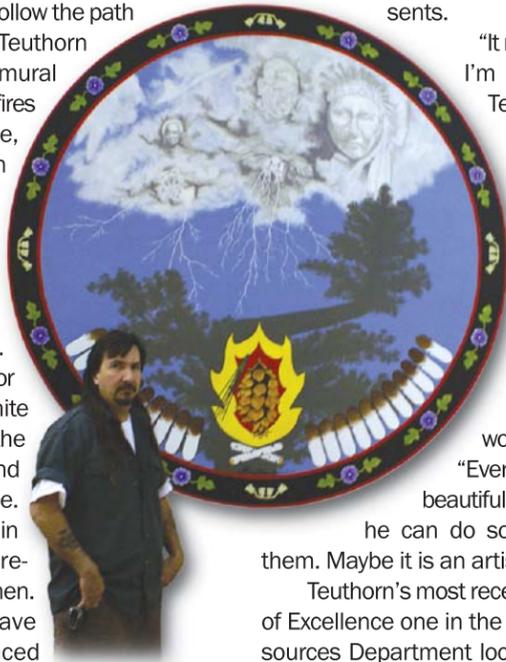
"Preserving our language is something that is important to both of us," Teuthorn said. "I learn differently than she does. I hear the language spoken, and I understand it, but I have a hard time speaking it. She can speak it more than I can. We learn from each other."

Teuthorn is a traditional dancer. "I learned to dance by watching other people," said Teuthorn, who has danced for 15 years. "It all came to me in a dream when I was 30. I was dancing in the dream."

"The dream inspired me to start dancing."

Teuthorn wanted to thank the following people: Linda Harper, Annette Biskupski, Kevin Gasco, Greg Oldman and Matt Davis.

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The freedom to be a part of a people who, with integrity and pride, still have and speak our own language. The freedom to share in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the tribe forward.



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The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.

The deadline for the March issue of *Odawa Trails* is January 29. You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in. Please e-mail submissions to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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## ELDERS PROGRAM

### Elder Birthdays

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| <b>February 4</b><br>Theodore Engstrom                                | <b>February 13</b><br>Henry Dubiel                           | <b>February 23</b><br>Arvilla Bateman<br>Mashilaa Beam<br>Ronald Washegesic, Sr. |
| <b>February 5</b><br>Benjamin Bernard<br>Darlene Mulholland           | <b>February 14</b><br>Mikel Bagby                            | <b>February 24</b><br>Johanna Cameron<br>Shirley Startup                         |
| <b>February 6</b><br>John Duvernay Jr.                                | <b>February 15</b><br>Virginia Adams<br>Kevin Casey          | <b>February 25</b><br>Garland Martell<br>Marie Michels<br>Dolores Thomas         |
| <b>February 7</b><br>Gregory Emery<br>Daugherty Johnson, Jr.          | <b>February 16</b><br>Betty Moses                            | <b>February 26</b><br>Wayne Gasco<br>Allan Moore                                 |
| <b>February 8</b><br>Janet Shell<br>Frank Thompson<br>Agnes Washe     | <b>February 17</b><br>Lee Graham<br>Marjorie Williams        | <b>February 27</b><br>Robert Boursaw   |
| <b>February 9</b><br>Joey Deckrow<br>Grace Zerbe                      | <b>February 18</b><br>Margaret Brown                         | <b>February 28</b><br>Margaret Pontiac   |
| <b>February 10</b><br>Arlene Boggs<br>Sally Spangler<br>Ralph Swanson | <b>February 19</b><br>Leela Harrison<br>Robert Petoskey, Sr. |  |
|   | <b>February 20</b><br>Krystine Rojas                         |  |

### ELDERS PROGRAM REPORT

By Marie "Tootsie" Miller, Elders Program Coordinator

Aanii LTBB Elders!  
The LTBB Elders Program is committed to utilize resources available to provide a permanent accessible tribal support system for all LTBB Tribal Elders. Currently, there are 744 elders registered with the tribe, eleven more since October 2006.

I trust this newsletter finds you well, ringing out the old year with fond memories, and welcoming in 2007 with a fervor for a healthier and happier you!

We have been working on several programs that are available for elders.

An additional housekeeper has been added to our staff to serve our elders in the northern Michigan area.

The snowplowing program has been implemented. We had a lovely snowfall in the first week of October, but we didn't have any significant snow accumulation again until early January.

After the snowfall in early January, it looks like "Ole Man Winter" is here to stay for awhile.

Once more, we are happy to say we have been budgeted to receive the food and utility reimbursement program. I will send out an application and a cover letter for the food and utility program at the end of January to every tribal citizen who will reach the age of 55 in 2007. It is very important you read the application and follow the directions on the accompanying cover letter. Start saving your utility receipts and food receipts. We are hoping to minimize the expense of postage, so be sure the LTBB Enrollment Department has your current address, so the application can reach you in a timely manner. If you need to change your address or if you want to check if your ad-

dress is current, please call the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520. Applications for the food and utility reimbursement will be accepted until the end of September 2007.

The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Rural Development has made home repair grants and loans available for low income senior adults, age 62 and older. Loan and grant funds can be used to install insulation or storm doors; repair or replace water and sewerage systems; repair weak or damaged floors, walls and roofs; and remodel for physical or handicap disability. Applicants must be 62, and own and occupy the home to be repaired. Call the LTBB Housing Department for service areas and income guidelines at 231-242-1545.

Burial request program regulations have been delegated to the LTBB Human Services Department. Burial assistance funds are limited to \$8,000 per deceased tribal citizen. Human Services staff will verify any items submitted are allowable under the Burial Program Statute WOS 2006-017 before processing burial funds requests. If you have any questions, call Theresa Boda at 231-242-1626.

We are still working on getting a lawyer to help us draw up a legal and binding will. As soon as we get some dates, we will let you know or you can call us at 231-242-1423.

A final Chi miigwetch to the Tribal Council and the Department of Health and Human Services for supplying our funds for the Elders Program. We are eternally grateful to you for giving us a great start to 2007!

## TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

### FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR ALBERT COLBY, JR.

Aanii to all tribal citizens.

By the time this message reaches you, our Second Annual Circle of Excellence Awards ceremony will have been completed. It was January 12 at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI. This program recognizes seven LTBB Governmental Staff Members who are recognized by their peers for excelling in their duties by going above and beyond the norm. This event is always well attended by the Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, governmental staff and their families as we continue to support team building efforts. Congratulations to the previous winners and the 2007 winners who will be mentioned in an article appearing in the March issue of *Odawa Trails*.

LTBB Governmental Operations continue to grow. We are proud to announce we have 179 total employees with 70% being Native American. There is plenty

of work to be done this year, and our staff's experience strengthens an already well functioning organization. I am very proud of the effort put forth by the members of my staff. I, unfortunately, know how much turmoil is present in our communities. Many times, we haven't the ability to appease it all, but in most cases, we make every effort by trying. The experience we gather by retaining talent will provide better service to the tribal membership now and in the future.

Last year, governmental operations came in under budget and with no large funding discrepancies requiring action by the Legislative Branch. This year, we have plans to complete the restrooms located on the LTBB Pow wow grounds in Harbor Springs, MI, by installing showers.

Youth Services Coordinator R.J. Smith, recently hired in November 2006, plans to form a

youth council and a drum and dance troupe. He also plans to network with tribal youth to keep them informed of activities destined to provide positive growth in their lives.

The Renewable Energy Project Team continues to meet and provide support in educating the tribal citizens on energy efficiency, and the group hopes to foster renewable energy sources into future tribal development projects.

I met with Charlie Conn, a Vietnam Veteran who is working hard to bring the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall to the Petoskey, MI area in 2007. The tribe provides a donation opportunity to outside non-tribal agencies or organizations, and he was directed here.

The LTBB Pow wow grounds are being considered as a secondary site should the primary site, the Emmet County Fairgrounds in Petoskey, not be available. I have informed the Legislative Branch of this opportunity, and more information will follow as this project develops. Honoring veterans and active duty service personnel is something we should all do in respect of the freedoms the men and women of the armed services, past and present, have fought or currently fight for.

Chi-Miigwetch.

### 2008 Elders Calendar

#### Original Pictures of Veterans in Uniform Wanted

The Elders Association is making a Veterans Calendar for 2008. The calendar will include all veterans and any elder veterans not included in the 2007 calendar. If you are interested in submitting a picture, please send it with the following information: **Name, Dates of Service, Branch of Service and Return Address.**

Deadline for accepting pictures is May 18.

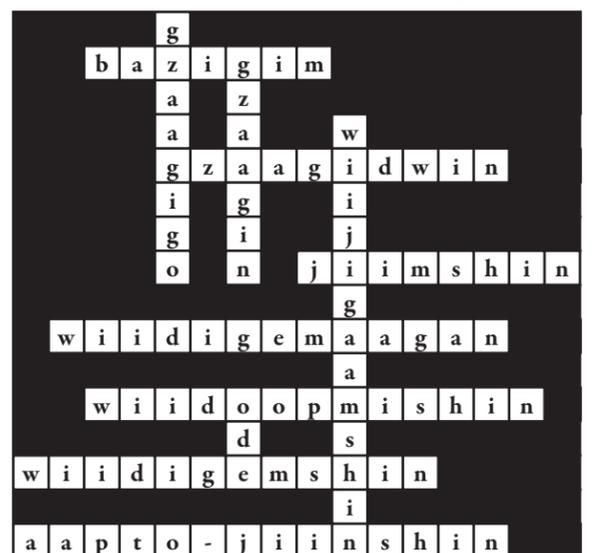
Send to: Elders Association  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

For more information, call 231-242-1610.

The Elders Program is in the process of making travel arrangements for the **2007 Critical Issues Conference**. The dates for the Critical Issues Conference are **March 1 - March 3**. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Tina Sutton at 231-242-1423, so your name may be put on the list. **The Elders Program is limited to the number of participants we may take. The selection process is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it is important to call as soon as possible.**

### Miigwetch! - The Elders Program

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# SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH

## NEWS FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Linda Woods, Substance Abuse Director

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
 Since I missed the January newsletter deadline, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year, and I hope your Christmas holiday was exceptional.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Department continues to provide services to those who suffer from substance abuse and from mental health issues the very best way we know how. This is a busy time for us. Both substance abuse and mental health issues affect all of us in some way or another. For example, consider a child growing up with drinking parent(s). How does that affect the child? I am an adult child of alcoholics. Growing up, I remember distinctly I wished my parents wouldn't drink like they did; I felt ashamed and different. Somehow, children assume the responsibility for how their parents are. "If I was a good girl, maybe they wouldn't do this," or wondering, "What did I do wrong?"

This month, I want to present some of the characteristics and roles children assume when there is drinking in the family. I'm referring to the addictive type of drinking and/or drug use, the every weekend partying events where parent(s) get drunk. I am not referring to the occasional social drinking. These "Family Roles" are from Claudia Black, a well-known writer and pioneer, in the addiction field. She writes, "In an addictive or depressed family system, the disease (it could be alcoholism or mental illness of some type) becomes the organizing principle or the main focus in the family. The affected person becomes the central figure from which everyone else organizes their behaviors and reactions, usually, in what is a slow, insidious process. Typically, family members do what they can to bring greater consistency, structure and safety into a family system becoming unpredictable, chaotic or frightening. To do

this, they often adopt certain roles and a mixture of roles. The roles are listed in the chart to the right of this article.

A person can pick up a role as mentioned in the chart or mix the characteristics. For example, I have identified myself with the Lost Child primarily, but certainly "acted out" in my own disease (alcoholism) and portrayed those deficits when I was in my alcoholic self or the "acting out one." However, in recovery, we learn to break down our "character defects" and begin to assume more positive behaviors or begin to learn what our strengths are.

Not everyone in recovery from alcoholism or addiction goes through their recovery the same as it depends on the person's life experiences and the trauma experienced in their lifetime. Recovery is a process of learning about living life "on life's terms" without the use of alcohol or abusing drugs. It is about using recovery to build a new family system. Does it work overnight? No, of course not. It takes time for these addictive behaviors in the family system to develop, therefore, it will take time for the benefits of recovery to positively affect the family system. There is so much to learn, and I wish I could tell you more. But if you want, you may read more in books such as *It Will Never Happen to Me, It's Never Too Late to Have a Happy Childhood, My Dad Loves Me, My Dad Has a Disease, Changing Course - Healing from Loss, Abandonment & Fear*, all books by Claudia Black or other authors such as *Co-Dependent No More* or *Beyond Co-Dependency* by Melodie Beattie.

Please call our department for an appointment at 231-242-1640 or 231-242-1642 or to ask a question about how addiction or alcoholism is affecting your family or the one you grew up in.

Family Hero – Responsible One	
Strengths	Deficits
Successful	Severe need to control
Organized	Perfectionist
Leadership skills	Difficulty in listening
Decisive	Inability to follow
Initiator	Inability to relax
Self-disciplined	Unwilling to ask for help
Goal-oriented	High fear of mistakes
	Inability to play
Placater – People Pleaser	
Strengths	Deficits
Caring/compassionate	Inability to receive
Empathetic	Denies personal needs
Good listener	High tolerance for inappropriate behavior
Sensitive to others	Strong fear of anger or conflict
Gives well	False guilt
Nice smile	Anxious
	Highly fearful
	Hyper-vigilant
Scapegoat – Acting out one	
Strengths	Deficits
Creative	Inappropriate expression of anger
Less denial, honest	Inability to follow direction
Sense of humor	Self-destructive
Close to own feelings	Intrusive (has no boundaries)
Ability to lead	Irresponsible
	Social problems at young age
	Underachiever
	Defiant/rebelliousness
Lost Child – Adjuster	
Strengths	Deficits
Independent	Unable to initiate
Flexible	Withdraws
Ability to follow	Fearful of making decisions
Easygoing attitude	Lack of direction
Quiet	Ignored, forgotten (feels "invisible")
	Follows without questioning
	Difficulty perceiving choices and options
Mascot (Jokester – likes making people laugh)	
Strengths	Deficits
Sense of humor	Attention seeker
Flexible	Distracting (from the family "problem")
Able to relieve stress/pain	Immature
	Difficulty focusing
	Poor decision-making ability

### ATTENTION ALL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

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**ENTRY FEE: \$ 100**  
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**7070 EAST BROADWAY**  
**MT. PLEASANT, MI 48858**  
**FEBRUARY 10, GAMES START AT NOON.**

TOURNAMENT FORMAT DEPENDS ON HOW MANY TEAMS REGISTER FOR THE EVENT.  
 TEAM ROSTERS MUST BE FAXED TO 989-775-4093 OR MAILED BY 5 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 5

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL KEVIN RICKETTS AT 989-775-4093. THIS IS A MICHIGAN UNITED TRIBAL YOUTH EVENT.**



For girls 13-18 wishing to play on a LTBB Team at the Native American Girls First Annual Volleyball Tournament on February 10 in Mt. Pleasant, MI, practices are January 30 and February 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI. If you have any questions or you would like more information, call Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601.

Steps To A Healthier Anishinaabe

### Go Red For Women's Heart Disease Awareness

National Wear Red Day is February 2.

Why is this important to you? Heart disease remains the number one killer of women in this country, and Native American statistics are higher, or worse, than the national average. The American Heart Association's Go Red program aims to raise awareness about heart health by encouraging all people, not just women, to wear red. Show your support for the women in your life by joining us on February 2. Education is the key to heart health; read about the symptoms; talk to your health care professional; and take an online quiz to understand your risk factors and what you can do to improve them. If you have any questions or would like to know more about this program, please call Health Educator Regina Brubacker at 231-242-1601 or e-mail me at rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

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 1080 Hager Drive  
 Petoskey, MI 49770

Phone: 231-242-1664  
 Fax: 231-242-1619  
 e-mail: rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



**Middle School Homework Lab**  
**WHERE:** Little Traverse Bay Bands' Governmental Center  
**WHEN:** Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
**DROP OFF:** Harbor Springs Public School Bus or parent drop off  
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SIGN UP,**  
 CALL CHERYL HALFACER, HARBOR SPRINGS TITLE VII COORDINATOR  
 231-526-4835  
 OR DOROTHY PERRY, K-12 STUDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR  
 LTBB EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
 231-242-1482

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce would like to remind the membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement. First of all, I cannot express how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. This must be done in writing.

Being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt. There is a form that needs to be filled out, Tribal Form 3996, which is available at our office located at 1345 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI; and for those RTM's with Internet access, on the State of Michigan website noted at the end of this article. These are mailed out on a quarterly basis to the State of Michigan during the first week of January, April, July and October. Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite, and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Utility Provider Survey, please contact our office and we will be happy to get one to you. These are available on LTBB's P-Drive, so any Tribal Government Employee can print one for you.

Another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area, your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month. **Example:** I moved to Petoskey, MI, which is in the Tax Agreement Area, on September 5, 2006. My RTM status began October 1, 2006. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible. If you plan to purchase a vehicle or remodel, please wait until after the first of the following month in which you moved. Otherwise, your refund will be denied by the State.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at: [http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1748\\_23287--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1748_23287--,00.html)

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, I may be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or at [tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

The Tax Agreement Area map appears courtesy of GIS Director Alan Proctor.

**Department of Commerce**

**Resident Tribal Member Tax Information**

Cross Village (all)	Bear Creek (all)
Readmond (all)	Resort (partial)
Friendship (all)	Bay (partial)
West Traverse (all)	Hayes (partial)
Little Traverse (all)	
City of Harbor Springs (all)	
City of Petoskey (all)	
City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge)	

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

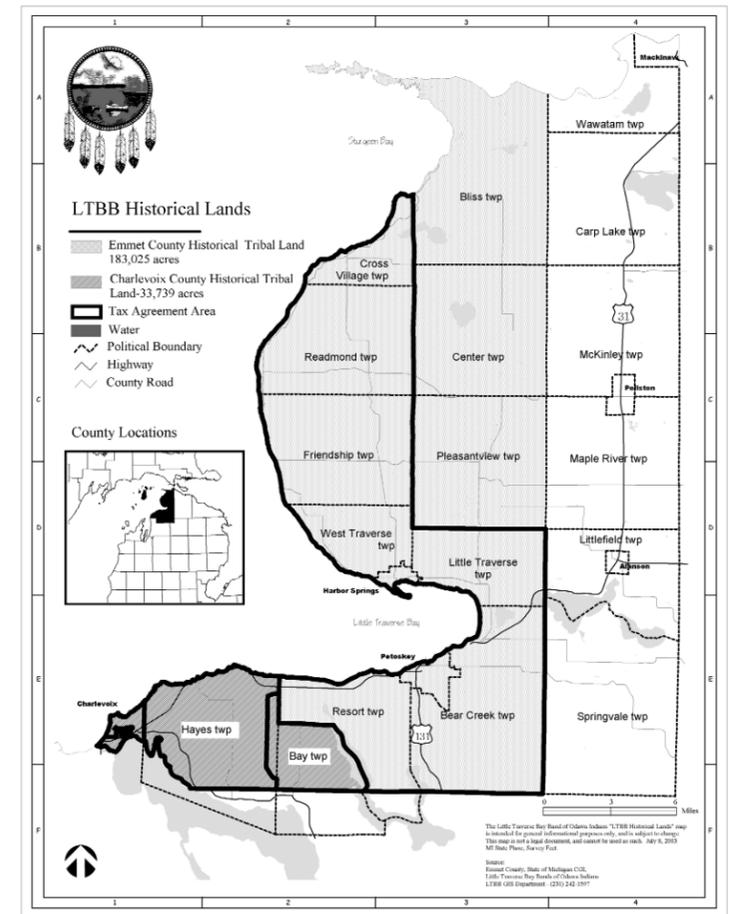
1. Sales Tax (6% of retail price)
2. Use Tax (6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Single Business Tax (1.9 % of the applicable tax base)
5. \*Motor Fuel Tax (32 cents per gallon unleaded and 28 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (\$2 per pack of cigarettes)

\* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.

- The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (Tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.
- The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

**Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THE SWIPE CARD OUT TO ANYONE.**



**Anishinaabemowin Odamina-Giizhigak**  
 Language Game Day

**February 24**  
 LTBB Governmental Center  
 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI  
**10 a.m. Boozbiigen, Register**  
**11 a.m. Maajtaami, Games Begin**  
**1 p.m. & 6 p.m. Chiwiisinimi**  
 (1 p.m. Lunch & 6 p.m. Dinner)  
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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING THE HANDLING OF RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBER (RTM) FILINGS OF THE MI-1040 AND THE 4013

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

## ATTENTION RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTM'S):

Tax time is just around the corner. The Department of Commerce will soon mail out the Tribal Form 4013-Annual Sales Tax Credit to tribal members residing within the LTBB Tax Agreement Area.

Here are some frequently asked questions that may be of some interest. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at 231-242-1584 or Tribal Affairs at the State of Michigan at 517-241-2185.

### Definitions

- **Resident Tribal Member (RTM)** – Those members of a tribe that has an implemented tax agreement with the State of Michigan who are residing within their tribe's negotiated Agreement Area.
- **4013** – The form a RTM may use to claim an annual sales tax refund. Members who do not reside within their tribe's Agreement Area or who belong to a tribe without an implemented tax agreement may not claim this refund.
- **MI-1040** – Michigan Income Tax Return.

### Questions and Answers

#### Q1 As a RTM, how do I file the 4013?

A1 Even though the 4013 is a completely separate sales tax refund return, it must be filed with the RTM's MI-1040. If the RTM does not have an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), the RTM should still fill out the return by entering zero for AGI and completing the rest of the return per the instructions. Please note the 4013 credit does not feed over to the MI-1040.

#### Q2 I already filed my MI-1040 electronically, how do I file the 4013?

A2 The 4013 would then be filled out and filed on its own. Once received by the department, it will be matched up with the MI-1040 on file.

#### Q3 How does the 4013 credit

work?

A3 The 4013 guides the RTM through a process where their federal AGI is modified to include certain specified types of income. This "modified AGI" is then subjected to a predetermined cap and then multiplied by a negotiated percentage to determine the total amount of sales tax refund a RTM can claim that year. That amount may be reduced based upon the number of months the RTM was considered a RTM. Example: If a member moves into the Agreement Area halfway through the year, he or she may only take 6/12 or ½ of the credit.

#### Q4 Why does a second non-obligated spouse form get issued for the tribal sales tax credit and how is it prorated?

A4 A second non-obligated spouse (NOS) form gets issued because the 4013 is a completely separate form that is refunding sales tax and is not carried over to the MI-1040. It is only filed with the MI-1040 income tax return for administrative purposes. The determination of the NOS share should be determined using the same rules as with any non-NOS situation.

#### Q5 I am a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ tribe; why did you deny my credit?

A5 Your credit could have been denied for a variety of reasons. You should have received a denial message from the department. Please refer to the message and if you have a more specific question, call 1-800-827-4000.

#### Q6 Why isn't the 4013 form available on the Internet?

A6 To eliminate confusion regarding who can use the form, Resident Tribal Members belonging to a tribe with a State/Tribal Tax Agreement must obtain the form directly from their tribe.

#### Q7 How long does it take to receive the 4013 refund?

A7 It generally takes between six to eight weeks to receive the refund.

#### Q8 If I don't have a federal adjusted gross income and am not required to file a Michigan income tax return (see answer to Question 20 to verify whether you must file a MI-1040), can I file a 4013 without the Michigan income tax return?

A8 In order to receive the 4013 annual sales tax credit, you must file it with a Michigan income tax return. When filling out the Michigan income tax return, simply enter zero where the federal adjusted gross income would go and fill out the remainder of the return.

#### Q9 I am a Resident Tribal Member, but my spouse is not. We filed a joint income tax return. Can I still file a 4013?

A9 Yes. Just follow the instructions on the 4013 and it will allow you to separate out your Resident Tribal Member income and calculate the credit based only on that income.

#### Q10 My tribe did not implement its agreement until part way through the year. Does this reduce the amount of my 4013 refund?

A10 Yes. The refund must only be calculated based on the number of months your tribe had an implemented agreement with the State of Michigan and you qualified as a Resident Tribal Member. (See answer to Question 3)

#### Q11 My tribe does not have a tax agreement with the State of Michigan. Can I still file the 4013?

A11 No, only members of tribes with an implemented State/Tribal Tax Agreement may file the return and only for the period they qualified as a Resident Tribal Member.

#### Q12 Does the 4013 refund feed over to a line on the Michigan Income Tax Return.

A12 No, they are separate returns and separate warrants will be issued for each refund.

#### Q13 I received a denial letter stating I am not a Resident Tribal Member, how should I correct this?

A13 You must contact your tribe to verify your status and correct if appropriate.

#### Q14 As a RTM, how do I file the MI-1040?

A14 The MI-1040 should be filed pursuant to the regular instructions provided in the MI-1040 Instruction Booklet. The total income exempt per the terms of the State/Tribal tax agreement should be entered on line 19 (Miscellaneous Subtractions) of the MI-1040 Schedule 1. The phrase "Resident Tribal Member Income" should be entered in the blank space provided on line 19 describing the reason for the subtraction.

#### Q15 I am a RTM and my spouse is not. We live in the Agreement Area, but we do not work in the Agreement Area. How is our income prorated on the MI-1040 income tax return?

A15 Assuming a joint return, you would report your combined AGI on the appropriate line of the MI-1040 and subtract only the RTM spouse's exempt income (See answer to Question 16 for instructions on how to report the subtraction). The non-RTM spouse's income is taxable regardless of whether or not earned in the Agreement Area.

#### Q16 Where do I subtract income based on my status as a RTM?

A16 A RTM's exempt wage income may be subtracted on line 19 of the MI-1040 Schedule 1 (regardless of where earned). The RTM should indicate "Resident Tribal Member Income" on the space provided. Please note a RTM may only subtract exempt income for the period for which they qualified as a RTM (See definitions for RTM.)

#### Q17 Can a tribal member receive a homestead property tax credit or a home heating credit?

A17 Yes, if they meet the normal requirements identified under state law.

#### Q18 Can I subtract my child welfare?

A18 This would be handled per state or federal normal procedures without any special regard to Indian Tribal Member status.

#### Q19 If income is exempt from federal income tax, is it also exempt from Michigan tax?

A19 These situations must be evaluated on a case by case basis depending on the specific exemption being claimed.

#### Q20 As a Resident Tribal Member, do I have to file a Michigan income tax return even if I am not required to file a federal income tax return?

A20 The terms of the Tax Agreement require Resident Tribal Members to file a Michigan Income tax return if A) they owe Michigan income tax, B) they are due a Michigan income tax refund, C) their federal adjusted gross income exceeds their exemption allowances or D) they filed a federal income tax return.

#### Q21 Can enrolled members of a tribe without a State/Tribal Tax Agreement claim an Indian exemption on their Michigan income tax return?

A21 Yes, but only if they reside within their tribe's Indian Country (as defined in 18 USC 1151) and the income is earned within their tribe's Indian Country. They cannot claim the exemptions provided under the Tax Agreement.

#### Q22 How do I know if my tribe has an implemented tax agreement with the State?

A22 Tribes that have implemented agreements with the state are listed on the Department of Treasury's website at [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) under individual or business, click on the Native American link. Copies of the Tax Agreements can also be viewed by clicking on the tribe's link.

## EXECUTIVE BRANCH

### FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

#### Ambassadorial Activities

**US vs. MI, Hunting & Fishing Rights Case:** Now that the AIP (Agreement in Principle) has been signed, we are actively working on the next round of talks. We had a negotiation meeting on January 18 and 19. We have a court date in February, and we hope to be able to report progress to the judge at that time.

**United Tribes of Michigan:** I agreed to accept nomination as the Treasurer for the United Tribes during our last conference call in preparation for our next meeting.

**Speaking Engagements:** I wrote this report from Washington, D.C. where I spoke on a panel discussion on January 4 for the Association of American Law Schools. The panel was titled, "Cooperation in

Management of Tribal Natural Resources."

#### Implementation of Statutes and Resolutions

**Regulations:** In early January when I wrote this, I had not yet signed but planned on signing the Marriage Statute. We were developing office procedures and an Executive Directive that could have been signed at the same time as the statute. I expected it to be signed by the time of the January 4 meeting.

**Budget Policy Revision:** In light of the rejection of our previous version, we will rework this policy based on the discussion at council and re-submit it.

**Odawa Register:** We were experiencing some delays in implementing the updated version of the Register, but we expect it to be ready

sometime this month.

#### Oversight of Commissions and Programs

**Commissions:** Vice Chairman (Bill) Denemy (Sr.) and I attended meetings of several commissions and boards in December, but there was less activity because of the holidays. Bill also attends the meetings for the workgroup for the community center and pump house.

#### Enterprise Oversight

**Victories Casino:** Our business fared well in December. Vice Chairman Denemy and I attended the New Year's Holiday VIP events to greet and talk with our guests. We received many positive comments about our operation.

**Odawa Enterprise Management:** We ran out of our cigarette quota a few days before the end of

the year. We will be able to make a good case for raising our quota when we talk with the State of Michigan since we had to ration the quota for much of the last quarter.

We will also continue to work on switching from reimbursement to a voucher system for vehicle and construction purchases as I reported in last month's *Odawa Trails*. We are

also working on the CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) development and will soon have a plan to submit with a request to create a non-profit corporation as a home for the revolving loan fund.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Ettawageshik,  
Tribal Chairman

## LTBB ID CARDS

If you live out of state and would like a picture identification card, send us a recent picture of yourself and your signature on white paper with no lines. Please include your date of birth or enrollment number so we can identify you. The identification cards are used at the Biindigen Gas Station for a discount on gas and other products. The identification cards are also used for secondary proof of identification when applying for a Michigan Driver's license.

If you have any questions, please give us a call.  
Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee 231-242-1521  
Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### IMPORTANT FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE

I.H.S. - CHS coverage is not automatic. You must be registered with CHS. Should you have an emergency situation requiring you to obtain care at a non- I.H.S. facility such as urgent care or the emergency room, you must notify the CHS office at 231-242-1600 within 72 hours of that visit. If you fail to do so, you will be held responsible for the bill.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- You must reside in the Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA).
- Be an enrolled member or descendant of the Little Traverse Bay

Bands of Odawa Indians or be able to prove social or economic ties to the community.

- A Native American claiming eligibility for CHS has the responsibility to furnish the tribal program with documentation to substantiate the claim.
- You must have an active and complete file with Contract Health before a reference number can be given.

#### Remember!!!!

Indian Health Service Contract Health is not an entitlement program - not everyone is

eligible. Know your status before obtaining services.

#### Referrals:

Physicians write referrals when patients need medical care that is not available in the Tribal Clinic. A referral is not an implication the care will be paid by CHS. A patient must meet eligibility criteria, medical priorities and use all alternate resources available.

If a referral is denied for CHS payment, the patient may elect to obtain medical services at his or her own expense. In most cases, an approved referral is limited to one medical appointment. Please call Contract Health Services at 231-242-

1600 prior to any follow-up appointments for approval to make sure your coverage is still in effect.

#### Alternate Resources:

Contract Health Service is the payer of last resort. When a patient has Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Assistance, Workman's compensation, private insurance or any other coverage, it is considered the primary carrier.

#### Priority system:

Medical referrals are approved for payment by a priority system.

The system has highest priority to approve conditions related to life saving or potential

death threatening situations, then we approve by severity of condition.

The amount of funding we receive for CHS services is limited. When we run out of money toward the end of the year, then we have to be very strict on referral approvals and may only have the funds to pay for emergency conditions.

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### NEW ARRIVALS TO THE CULTURAL LIBRARY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

#### "Map of the Human Heart"

This movie was released in 2004.

The following is a brief synopsis of the movie:

"In 1965, an aging Inuit relates his life story to an American mapping his home in the Arctic Circle. Back in the 1930s, the Inuit met a previous British geographer, who took him south to a hospital to be cured of tuberculosis. There, he fell in love with a French Canadian-Indian girl, and during World War II, he joins the RAF (Royal Air Force) in order to meet her again in England. Losing one another when he is shot down in Germany, the Inuit eventually meets the daughter he never knew he had."

#### You're So Fat: Exploring Ojibwe Discourse

This book was published in 1998, and it was written by Roger Spielmann.

The following is a description of the book from Amazon.com:

"You're so fat!" was the greeting extended to the author's wife on her return to the Algonquin community of Pikogan in northwestern Quebec (Canada). The Anishnaabe elder was in fact complimenting her for looking robust and healthy.

"Non-Natives have much to learn in order to understand Native experience and culture. (The author Roger) Spielmann sets out to show how one might use the techniques of conversation analysis and discourse analysis to accomplish this. Ultimately, he seeks to capture the essence of Native experience by exploring how Native people talk about that experience, an approach that is missing from existing books about Aboriginal people.

"You're So Fat!" will be of interest to linguists, anthropologists, sociologists and others interested in exploring issues in conversation analysis, ethnography, and Native studies."

#### Not Enough Indians

This book was published in 2006, and it was written by Harry Shearer.

The following editorial review from *Publishers Weekly* appears on the Amazon.com website:

"(The author Harry) Shearer, probably best known for his work on 'The Simpsons' and 'This Is Spinal Tap,' sets his farcical first novel in the world of Native American-owned casinos. After being

'savaged by downsizing, by outsourcing, by plant closing,' the citizens of withering Gammage, NY, successfully petition Washington to be recognized as the Filaquonsett tribe, so the town can build a casino. Their gambling operation has a negative impact on the casino of a neighboring tribe, and that tribe settles the score by having a toxic waste dump built next to the Filaquonsett casino. It's a silly setup, and Shearer uses it to beat home points about greed, materialism and ethnic identity."

#### The Indian Tribes of the Upper Mississippi Valley and Region of the Great Lakes

This book was published in 1996, and it was translated, edited and annotated by Emma Blair.

The following is a synopsis of the book:

"France held dominion over much of North America when Nicolas Perrot, a Jesuit, entered the fur trade among the Ottawa Indians in 1665. He became well acquainted with the tribes of the Upper Mississippi Valley and Great Lakes region. Perrot's *Memoir on the Manners, Customs, and Religion of the Savages of North America* written in French from about 1680 to 1718 is an invaluable record of early aboriginal life. First published in 1864, it can be found in *The Indian Tribes of the Upper Mississippi Valley and Region of the Great Lakes*. Also included is the *History of the Savage Peoples Who Are Allies of New France* by Claude Charles Le Roy. First published in 1716, it portrays the Indian tribes west of Lake Huron and contains much firsthand information about their customs, history, and relations with each other and the French. Finally, documents by Major Morrell Marston and Thomas Forsyth, commander and agent, respectively, at Fort Armstrong in present day Illinois, provide a richly detailed account on the Sauk and Fox tribes in the 1820s. Originally published in two volumes in 1812, it was translated, edited and annotated by Blair."

#### "The Trail of Tears: Cherokee Legacy"

This made for television movie aired in 2005.

The following is from a Rich-Heape Films, Inc. press release:

The feature documents the forced removal in 1838 of the Cherokee Nation from the south-

eastern United States to Oklahoma. Wes Studi, a well-known Cherokee actor, presents the documentary film, speaking on camera in his native tongue with subtitles. Actor James Earl Jones, who is of blended African and Cherokee heritage, is the narrator.

"Uniquely, a Cherokee is recounting this shameful chapter in American history," said Steven R. Heape, Executive Producer and a Citizen of the Cherokee Nation. "This is no 'Hollywoodization' of an American holocaust. The Trail of Tears actually drove the Five Civilized Tribes - Cherokee, Choctaw, Seminole, Chickasaw and Muscogee Creek - from their native lands."

Heape and his partner, Chip Richie, who co-produced and directed the film, spent seven years researching and developing the story.

"The Jacksonian policy led to the brutal Trail Of Tears, a cross country trek in which nearly a quarter of the tribal citizens, died from hunger, exposure, disease and sheer exhaustion," Richie said. "And, these were primarily peaceful farming families who lived in houses, owned businesses, had their own newspapers and abided by their own constitution."

The documentary is endorsed by the Cherokee Nation, headquartered in Tahlequah, OK, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, based in Cherokee, NC.

#### "Beyond the Gates of Splendor"

This film was released in 2005.

The following is a brief synopsis of the movie:

"'Beyond the Gates of Splendor' is a feature length documentary film experience about the Waodani Indians and the missionary men and women who have given their lives to reach them."

#### "End of the Spear: A True Story"

This film was released in 2006.

The following is a brief synopsis of the movie from the Amazon.com website:

"Steve Saint was five years old when his father, missionary pilot Nate Saint, was speared to death by a primitive Ecuadorian tribe. In adulthood, Steve, having left Ecuador for a successful business career in the United States, never imagined making the jungle

his home again. But when that same tribe asks him to help it, Steve, his wife, and their teenage children move back to the jungle. There, Steve learns long-buried secrets about his father's murder, confronts difficult choices, and finds himself caught between two worlds."

#### "Dreamkeeper"

This made for television movie aired in 2003.

The following is a brief synopsis of the movie from the Amazon.com website:

"In South Dakota, in an Indian reservation, an old storyteller In-

dian asks his grandson, Shane, who is in trouble owing money to some bad guys, to take his old pony and him to Albuquerque, NM, to the great pow wow, an Indian meeting. While traveling, Grandpa tells mysterious Indian tales of love, friendship and magic."

LTBB Tribal Citizens can visit the Cultural Library located in the Education Department at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, and check out any of these new arrivals for three weeks.

Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.

### RARE BOOK AVAILABLE TO VIEW IN LTBB CULTURAL LIBRARY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



(L to R) Francine Thuston, Melissa Claramunt and Winnay Wemigwase. Photo by Annette VanDeCar.

A collection of seven rare children's books reside in our very own Cultural Library.

Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Director Winnay Wemigwase donated seven individual books, written and illustrated by Roger Vernam, to the Cultural Library located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. They were published in 1935.

The books, donated last year, were *Watlala, an Indian of the Northwest*; *Leaping Trout, a Little Iroquois Boy*; *Winona, a Little Indian of the Prairies*; *Micco, a Seminole Indian Boy*; *Gray Bird, a Little Plains Indian*; *Morning Star, a Little Pueblo Girl*; and *Nigalek, a Little Eskimo Boy*.

The seven books, collectively called *Children's Works*, were specially bound together using archival paper by the Bentley Historical Library located at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI.

Because these are rare books bound together, *Children's Works* can only be viewed in the Cultural Library as a reference book.

However, LTBB Librarian Francine Thuston said she would photocopy a story or stories if a person requested her to do so.

"These books are more culturally and historically accurate than many other similar works published in the 1930s," Thuston said. "It's a children's book, but people of all ages will enjoy reading it. It would be good for anyone who reads at a fifth grade level or above."

Wemigwase received the seven books from a former landlady who had them in her attic.

Vernam also wrote and illustrated *Antelope, A Navajo Indian Boy*. That book is not available in the Cultural Library.

Librarian Francine Thuston contributed to this article.

# NATIVE NEWS

## NATIVE AMERICAN GAME OF SNOWSNAKE

### Snowsake

The game of Snowsnake is exclusively a Native American game. The snowsnake when hurled along a track may travel up to a mile if conditions are ideal. Years ago, the snakes were thrown down the road, river, along fence rows or wherever handy. The track was introduced to the game about the turn of the century.

The skill of the snowsnake maker is extremely influential in producing a winning snowsnake. But equally important is how the snowsnake is prepared once it is made.

It is important to note each process taken to prepare the snake may be repeated as many times as desired, depending on the specifications of the individual. The material used may vary greatly.

First of all, the entire snake is carefully smoothed, which is done by rubbing it with a piece of glass or steel wool. This process is also referred to as polishing although nothing is applied. Next, the snake is washed in water. Being porous, the wood expands when set and the surface becomes rough. The roughness is sanded down with steel wool and fine sandpaper. If this process is done repeatedly, the snake will expand less and less each time, making it more water resistant. When the resistance is satisfactory, shellac is applied to help keep out moisture, which slows the snake down. More is applied on dry, cold days or when there is fresh snow. The snake is then shined up with wax for appearance.

Once the snowsnake goes through the timely process of preparation, it may be used repeatedly for small, local games. However, when a tournament or an important game comes up, the snake is then stripped of its wax and shellac with a knife or steel wool then prepared again.

Upon entering the competition, one player may carry up to 20 or 30 snowsnakes. The track conditions can change within 10 minutes, therefore, requiring a differently prepared snowsnake.

For added speed, some players pour water on their snakes as soon as they step outdoors, enabling the snakes to become icy before they are thrown. A player might also rub snow on the belly just before throwing it.

As long as there is snow, the game of snowsnake can be played. Very seldom is a tournament or game canceled due to bad weather since weather factors prove to be an added challenge to the skill of the snowsnake competitor.

### Selecting the Wood

The maker selects a young tree of hickory, iron wood, hard wood, maple or June berry since these types of hardwood are more adaptable to the manufacturing of a snowsnake although other hardwoods with fine grain may also be used.

The type of snowsnake and the amount obtainable are determined by the size of the tree (eight

to 10 inches round) and the flat of the grain.

Depending on each maker's personal technique, the tree is left whole for one year with the ends greased or cut down into sections to dry or to soak in linseed oil for a period of six months to a year.

### Shaping the Snake and Tip

The most important aspect of the snowsnake is the balance. When selecting a snake for weather conditions, the weight or balance at either end is a major factor.

When making a snowsnake, the log is split and each section is cut into 3/4 of an inch squared lengths approximately seven feet long. The squared stick is worked down with a wood plane rasp, spokeshave or draw knife to obtain the desired shape.

The wood has to be dry when shaping and working along the grain. When smoothing, the snake is soaked in water to allow the loose splinters and rough areas to rise. Then, dry so the plan or sandpaper may smooth the areas.

*This article appears courtesy of the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department.*



Photo courtesy of Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department.

## 2007 Snowsnake Games Rules

### Registration

1. Competitors must complete a pre-registration and:
  - a. Mail to Snowsnake Games Registration, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
  - b. Or drop off at 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI
  - c. Or e-mail to cgibson@ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov
  - d. Or call 231-242-1601.
2. Registrations accepted until 8:30 a.m. February 3
3. Competitors must register in appropriate category. Individuals 18 years old who are not in school must participate in the 18-34 year old category.
  - a. Nine male categories
  - b. Nine female categories

- Preschool, 1 - 4
- Kindergarten - Second grade
- Third - Fifth grade
- Sixth - Eighth grade
- Ninth - 12th grade
- 18 - 34
- 35 - 49
- 50 - 64
- 65 & over

### Competition

- Competition begins at 9 a.m., February 3.
- The Snowsnake Track Schedule will be posted at the Registration Booth.

- Each competitor will be allowed two throws in his or her category. Any snowsnake thrown that jumps the track after five feet is considered a throw.
- Personal snowsnakes cannot be used by more than one person in the same age and gender category.
- Competitors without a snowsnake may choose a snowsnake from the designated rack for public use.
- Snowsnakes are not required to be a certain length, diameter, or weight. Lead may be used for weight.
- Totally metal snowsnakes will not be allowed.

### Awards

- Awards will be given to the top three competitors with the longest throws in each male and female category.
- Achievement medals will be awarded to all participants 12 year and under who do not receive a trophy.

Please complete a registration form and return to one of the addresses listed. If you have questions, contact Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601.

### 2007 Snowsnake Schedule of Events, February 3

Time	Event
8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Final Registration
8:45 a.m.	Opening Prayer
9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	<b>Men &amp; Women's Age Division</b>
9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	65 & Up
10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	50 - 64
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Preschool 1 - 4
11:30 a.m. - Noon	Kindergarten - Second Grade
Noon - 12:30 p.m.	Third - Fifth Grade
12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m.	Sixth - Eighth Grade
1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Ninth - 12th Grade
1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.	18 - 34
2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	35 - 49
2:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony
	Honor Song & Closing Prayer

**NOTE: Division times may vary. An announcement is made in the event a division time occurs ahead of schedule.**

## 2007 Snowsnake Games

**When: February 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Where: LTBB Governmental Center (Doors will open at 8 a.m.)**

**A light lunch is served**

**First, Second and Third Place medals and T-shirts awarded in the following male and female categories:**

Preschool, 1-4	18-34
Kindergarten - Second Grade	35-49
Third - Fifth Grade	50-64
Sixth - Eighth Grade	65&up
Ninth - 12th Grade	

**Competitors must be pre-registered to be eligible for awards. (No Exceptions). Registration closes February 3 at 8:30 a.m. Registration forms available by fax, e-mail or you can pick up forms at the Community Health/Diabetes Program. You may also register by phone. Contact Information: Cathy Gibson, 1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770. Phone: 231-242-1601. Fax: 231-242-1619. e-mail: cgibson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov**

**In the event there is no snow, the snowsnake games will be canceled.**

## SNOWSNAKE CONSTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONS

Here are instructions for making a type of snowsnake called a Mud Cat:

- Step 1.** Carve a 36x1½ inch pole in the shape of a snowsnake with a jackknife or draw knife.
- Step 2.** After it is completely carved, the wood must be covered with water and soaked overnight in a bathtub or wherever it is convenient. After soaking, air dry naturally. Do not dry by artificial heat. Drying time is approximately 24 hours.
- Step 3.** Sanding: The wood will look splintery. Sand until smooth.
- Step 4.** Carve indentation in the tip of the snowsnake so lead will grip wood.

- Step 5.** Dip tip into lead. Must dry for at least two days.
- Step 6.** File tip to proper proportions, making it very smooth.
- Step 7.** Re-sand if necessary, then apply first coat of varnish. It will require at least 10 coats of varnish. After each coat of varnish and a 24-hour drying time, it must be sanded with fine steel wool.
- Step 8.** After all the coats of varnish have been applied, the snowsnake must be highly waxed and polished.

**This project will take approximately five weeks from beginning to completion.**  
Materials Required  
36x1½ inch closet pole

- Jackknife
- Draw knife
- Sandpaper (fine, medium and coarse)
- Fine steel wool
- Varnish (polyurethane)
- Wax (ski wax or paste wax for floors)
- Lead melted (three pounds for nine sticks)
- Coffee cans (one pound size)
- Files
- Rasps
- Vises

**Note:** Fill coffee can ¾ full with sand. Make impression in sand with tip of the snake head (about two inches deep). Pour melted lead into this impression, immediately placing tip of snake into hot lead.

*This article appears courtesy of the Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department.*

## UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE NEW EMPLOYEES SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



**Sara Wilson**

Hello.

My name is Sara (Pierce) Wilson, and I am the new Communications Assistant. I am so excited to return to the northern Michigan area, the place where I was raised, and I am so happy to finally call it "home" again. I attended Pellston Public Schools in Pellston, MI, from kindergarten through 12th grade. After my

high school graduation, I attended Saginaw Valley State University for three semesters and transferred to Central Michigan University to study public relations, communication, and journalism. After earning my Bachelor of Applied Arts Degree from CMU, I entered graduate school at CMU for my Master of Arts Degree in Interpersonal and Public Communication. While completing my coursework, I taught the introductory communication and speech course at CMU for three semesters. After finishing my thesis paper, I will graduate in May 2007.

Previously, I worked for the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce in Mt. Pleasant, MI, as the Benefits Specialist. In this position, I did marketing for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of

Michigan as a benefit of chamber membership, new member recruitment and member retention, event planning, and assisted in writing and editing the monthly newsletter.

In April 2006, I married Adam Wilson of Mt. Pleasant. I am lucky to have a terrific stepson, Trevor, 9, who is so excited to move to the northern Michigan area.

In my free time, I love to spend time outdoors in the warmer months doing activities such as camping, boating and canoeing.

I feel so fortunate to have been offered a position doing the work I love in the region that I love. I am very grateful to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians for this wonderful opportunity.



**Tiffany Willis**

Tiffany Willis began her position as the Probation Officer for the Tribal Court on December 12 and was a temporary employee of LTBB for the two months prior to that as a Court Clerk. Willis, who grew up in Gaylord, MI, graduated from Gaylord St. Mary's and earned a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University where she studied interpersonal communication, business, and behav-

ioral social sciences.

Her brother, Roger Willis, is a Conservation Officer; her sister, Terri Thomasma, is an Accounting Clerk; and her sister, Tammy Bowers, is a Contract Health Assistant. Her parents are the late John R. Willis, Jr. and Dorothy (Edgar) Willis. Her grandfather was the late John R. Willis, Sr.

In the past, Willis lived in Colorado where she enjoyed hiking, the scenery, the mountains, and traveling to nearby cities. She moved back to Michigan, however, to complete her degree requirements and to be closer to her family and friends with whom she likes to spend time with whenever she can.

Willis said, "I am excited to be working for LTTB because they gave me my education, and I feel so happy to now be able to give back."

## TEAMWORK LEADS TO SUCCESS FOR LTBB HAWKS BASKETBALL TEAM

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator



Carrie Eggleston (on the right) is closely guarded in the December 2, 2006 game against GTB in Peshawbestown, MI. Photo by Alicia Nowell.



(L to R) Coach Larry Denemy, Alicia Alvarado, Margaret Gasco, Joy Kioqima, Anna Gasco, Christina Dewey and Amber Nowell in the front row. Yarrow Nowell, Izzy Olson, Carrie Eggleston, Elizabeth Gasco, Mskodackwe Compo, Kaitlyn Shanaquet, Julia Martell and Andrea Reese in the back row. Photo courtesy of Cathy Gibson.



Zachary Schlappi dribbles the ball down the court in the December 2, 2006 game against GTB in Peshawbestown, MI. Photo by Alicia Nowell.



(L to R) Tony Cepeda, Jon Mulholland, Tyler Beyer and Devin Grundy in the front row. Coach J.D. Gibson, Eli Olson, Cody Goedike, Josh Garlitz, Brandon Shenoskey, Anthony Bear and Sam Rojas in the back row. Photo courtesy of Cathy Gibson.

LTBB Hawks Coach J.D. Gibson stresses the importance of teamwork to his players rather than wins and losses.

Despite that, the Hawks 14-18 girls team coached by Gibson finished first with a 5-1 record in the Michigan United Tribes Youth Basketball League this past season. The boys 14-18 team, also coached by Gibson, finished second in the league with a 2-4 record.

The four Hawks teams completed their MUTYBL schedule on December 16, and each played six games. The other Hawks teams were 8-13 boys and 8-13 girls teams, both coached by Larry Denemy. The 8-13 boys team finished 0-6, and the girls 8-13 team finished 1-5.

"The majority of the kids come into the program without having the basic fundamental basketball skills so we work with them to develop those skills," said J.D. Gibson, who has coached various Hawks teams for the past 4½ years. "The most important thing is they learn how to work together and play as a team. To me, that is more important than the teams' records. The main thing is the kids enjoy playing together and have fun."

LTBB Tribal Citizen Vicki Olson has two children, Eli, 16, and Izzy, 12, who play for Hawks teams. Eli is a junior at Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI, and Izzy is a sixth-grader at Petoskey Middle School in Petoskey.

Izzy has played on three

Hawks teams, and Eli has played on two Hawks teams.

"They have learned teamwork, cooperation and perseverance through playing in the program," Olson said. "It allows them to build camaraderie with LTBB Tribal Youth and with other tribal youth throughout Michigan. When we first moved here from Colorado, it (playing in the Hawks program) helped both of them make friends. They enjoy visiting other Native communities in the state."

"I would encourage other tribal youth to play on the Hawks teams."

There is no cost to join a Hawks team. Like all the teams in the league, a player must show he or she is a descendent from an Indian tribe. There is no blood

quantum required.

The MUTYBL consists of the LTBB Hawks teams, Bay Mills Indian Community teams, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indian Tribe teams and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe teams and UP United. The MUTYBL Awards Banquet was January 13 at Petoskey High School in Petoskey. Due to our deadline constraints, information about the awards banquet will appear in the March issue of *Odawa Trails*.

The MUTYBL formed in 2003. The Hawks program is run under the Health Department. Tribal Council allocates money toward the program every year, and there are fundraisers.

"Initially, it started with the Human Services Department having open gyms on Saturday mornings," said Health Administrative Assistant Cathy Gibson, the unofficial LTBB Hawks Youth Basketball Coordinator. "Once the kids came, they wanted to play other teams. We contacted other tribes in the state, and they were interested in playing us."

The Youth Services Department was created last year, and R.J. Smith started as the Youth Services Coordinator on November 13, 2006. It has not been decided whether the Hawks program will be run by the Youth Services Department or whether it will remain under the supervision of the Health Department.

The majority of the Hawks practices are at St. Francis Xavier School in Petoskey. The teams' home games are played at GTB Community Center gym in Charlevoix, MI.

"We have some kids who

have been here since the beginning, and it's nice to see them progress," J.D. said. "Some of the kids are here to learn new skills in order to make their school teams. Their skills are picking up. They are starting to play organized ball better."

"I stress defense to all of the teams I coach."

J.D. said the lessons come off the court as well.

"They learn life lessons," J.D. said. "I'm proud of the kids for their efforts, and for being strong as a team. I'm proud of their good attitudes and their good sportsmanship."

Four Hawks players (Cassandra Gibson, Gaila Vertz, Jesse Oldman and Forrest Worthington) participated in the 2006 Native American Indigenous Games held July 1-9 in Denver, CO. J.D. Gibson was an assistant coach for Michigan's 15-16 boys team, and Cathy Gibson was an assistant coach for Michigan's 12-14 girls team. The players were selected for the Michigan teams after attending tryouts through MUTYBL. Michigan's 12-14 girls team finished eighth out of 20-plus teams at the Indigenous Games.

"We were excited by how well our players did there because all four kids were starters on their teams," J.D. said. "They were all very competitive. I was very impressed by them."

"Our long-term goal is to have our own Hawks team play at the Indigenous Games."

Cathy Gibson wanted to thank the tribe, Tribal Council, tribal community citizens and Hawks parents for supporting the program.

## ITC OF MICHIGAN AWARDED DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION GRANTS

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network of Michigan recently awarded the Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) of Michigan Dance Dance Revolution grants.

Through the grants, Michigan tribal schools and public schools where tribal students attend will offer Dance Dance Revolution programs.

In Dance Dance Revolution, a player must move his or her

feet to a set pattern, stepping in time to the general rhythm or beat of a song. A researcher at West Virginia University developed the program, and it is being promoted as a means to fight childhood obesity.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan will purchase playstations, cobalt pads, Dance Dance Revolution software, additional student practice pads, vaults to

store equipment and curriculum with suggestions for use in 10 Michigan schools.

Two northern Michigan area schools, Sheridian Elementary and Harbor Springs Middle School both in Harbor Springs, MI, will receive the Dance Dance Revolution packages.

A package without a television screen or monitor costs between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan is a consortium of Michigan's federally recognized tribes (Hannahville Indian Community, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, Keeweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa In-

dians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Gun Lake Band of Potawatomi, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians).

*Health Educator Regina Brubaker contributed to this article.*

# NAJA OFFERS INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ASPIRING NATIVE JOURNALISTS

## NAJA Internships

The Native American Journalists Association will partner with a tribal publication to offer a 10-week internship for a NAJA student June 4-August 10, 2007. Applicants must submit the following to NAJA:

- Current resume'
- Five-eight newspaper clips or writing samples
- Documentation verifying NAJA membership
- Two letters of reference
- A cover letter on how the internship will benefit your career and will assist you in your plans to graduate from college.

Internship applicants must be current NAJA student members in good standing. Special consider-

ation will be given to those student applicants who have participated in past NAJA training programs, such as workshops held during the annual convention, Project Phoenix or the college Student Projects. Students who have also completed the Freedom Forum's American Indian Journalism Institute program will also be given special consideration. Interns will receive a weekly stipend. Interns will be responsible for their own housing and transportation expenses and arrangements.

**The application deadline is March 30.**

All applicants and selected intern(s) will be notified by May 1. For more information, please call NAJA at 605-677-5282 or send an e-mail to [info@naja.com](mailto:info@naja.com).

Please send complete packets to NAJA 2007 Summer Internship Program  
555 Dakota St.  
Al Neuharth Media Center  
Vermillion, SD 57069

## NAJA Scholarships

Each year, the Native American Journalists Association offers scholarships ranging from \$500-\$5,000 to Native American (high school senior or college) students pursuing journalism degrees at a higher learning institution. To apply, students must be current paid members. Annual memberships cost \$10 for high school students and \$20 for college students.

Application materials:

- Cover letter stating financial need, area of interest (print, broadcast, photojournalism, new media or journalism education) and reasons for pursuing a career in journalism.
- A brief description of courses taken and grade level (college students only); as well as your anticipated term of graduation (for example Summer '07 or Fall '08).
- One copy of your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) report.
- Other financial reports citing miscellaneous income not listed on the FAFSA report.
- An official school transcript (college or high school - transcripts must be sent to the NAJA office directly from the high school or col-

lege/university).

- Three letters of recommendation from people familiar with your professional or academic work, such as editors, producers, teachers/professors, academic advisors, etc.
- Work samples (magazines or newspaper clips, tapes, etc.) if available, or other samples of your work, such as class essays.
- Proof of enrollment in a federally- or state-recognized tribe. If not enrolled, please provide one of the following with your application: (1) Letter from a tribal official on tribal letterhead stating the applicant's status or relationship with the federally-recognized or state-recognized tribe; or (2) Documentation of enrollment from a family member who is a member of a federally- or state-recognized tribe AND a letter from the family member showing the applicant's relationship.
- Scholarship Financial Profile

**You must be a NAJA member to apply for scholarships. Sign up for membership on the NAJA membership page.**

<http://www.naja.com/membership/>

**Application deadline: 5 p.m. on April 1, 2007.**

**No late or incomplete applications will be accepted** (FASFAs take several weeks to process. Your or your parents' tax statements will be needed for the FASFA, so it's best to file early). No exceptions.

**Winners to be announced:** June 1, 2007

Application forms  
All forms and application materials must be submitted for your application to be considered.

- 2007 Scholarship Forms can be downloaded at [http://www.naja.com/programs/students/scholarships/07\\_scholarship\\_app.pdf](http://www.naja.com/programs/students/scholarships/07_scholarship_app.pdf)

For questions or inquiries about scholarships or other student-related programs, please contact NAJA's national office at 605-677-5282 or e-mail at [info@naja.com](mailto:info@naja.com).

**Editor's note:** The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) is a growing 550-member organization created in 1984 to empower Native journalists through programs and actions designed to enrich journalism and promote Native cultures. LTBB is a Tribal Media Member of NAJA.

NAJA is one of four minority journalism associations that make up Unity: Journalists of Color. The other minority journalism organizations in Unity: Journalists of Color are the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), the National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) and the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA).

For more information on NAJA, visit [www.naja.com](http://www.naja.com).

For more information on Unity: Journalists of Color, visit [www.unityjournalists.org](http://www.unityjournalists.org).

## TEMPORARY HELP WANTED

WOULD YOU LIKE TO:

Gain experience?

Work in an office?

Make a little extra money?

Work in the tribal community?

Are you a tribal citizen?

## TEMPORARY POSITIONS

NOW AVAILABLE!

WORK AS LITTLE AS ONE DAY OR AS LONG AS A MONTH!!!  
CONTACT THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BAND OF ODAWA INDIANS' HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TODAY!

**CALL: 231-242-1558**



From January 1 Through February 28, Victories Hotel would like to extend a \$45 LTBB Tribal Rate on standard rooms. This rate represents a \$10 discount off of the normal \$55 LTBB Tribal Rate. Please Call 1-877-4-GAMING or 231-347-6041 to make a reservation! Just a reminder: It is one room per LTBB Tribal Citizen, 21 years of age or older.

## LTBB of Odawa Indians' Food Distribution Program Warehouse Schedule

### Days for Distribution

- |              |                         |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1st Saturday | 1 & 2 person households |
| 2nd Saturday | 3 & 4 person households |
| 3rd Saturday | 5+ person households    |

### Hours of Distribution

Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

If you missed your pickup, please call 231-242-1627 to make alternative arrangements.

# Career Fair

January 15th, February 12th and March 10th at Victories Hotel!



**BRING YOUR RESUME AND BE PREPARED TO MEET AND GREET HIRING MANAGERS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN THE HOSPITALITY/GAMING INDUSTRY.**

Open to the public from Noon to 6:00pm!



## "A NIGHT OF STORYTELLING AND FOOD" A SUCCESS

Submitted by **Fred Harrington, Jr.**

On December 12, the Native American Student Organization (NASO) hosted "A Night of Storytelling and Food" at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI.

The fundraiser raised \$1,600 to go toward sending NASO students to the Anishnaabemowin-Teg Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, later this spring.

Miigwech to all of the storytellers and performers who kept us entertained as well as Mary Roberts for her delicious fry bread, Sweet Maria's Confections who provided our

desserts, and everyone who cooked and helped cleanup after the event.

We are planning another dinner on March 6.

The winners of the raffle were Carol McFall (fall color Pendleton blanket), Sophia Gaccardo (WarPaint female t-shirt donated by Cody Bigjohn), McFall (WarPaint male t-shirt donated by Bigjohn), Nungo-kwe (blanket and wool bag designed, sewn and donated by Kathy Deloria), Maggie Porsor (*Odawa Language and Legends* book written by Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima),

Kate McCaffrey (*Spirit of the Harvest: North American Indian Cooking*), Bigjohn (blanket and wool bag with change purse designed, sewn and donated by Deloria), Larry Denemy (artwork donated by artist Will Espey), Ellis Boal (water color print with story donated by Espey), Eric Grandstaff (oil painting donated by Espey) and Julie Harrington (*A Pictorial History of Michigan Indians*.)

## LTBB MAKING HEADLINES:

### ODAWA CASINO RESORT A TOP BUSINESS STORY IN 2006

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

In an article titled, "The Top 10 Business Stories of 2006," and published on December 31, the *Traverse City Record-Eagle* cited northern Michigan area tribes working on new casinos as No. 3 on its list.

Here is what was written about the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Odawa Casino Resort in the article: "The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians based in Emmet County (Michigan) is working on a new casino in Petoskey (Michigan) to replace Victories Casino. The new facility, slated to open next summer,

will include an estimated 50,000 square feet of gambling space that will double the size of the current casino,



plus amenities including a concert hall and a high-end Las Vegas-style nightclub."

The initial facility slated to open in June will include a gaming floor with 1,500 slot machines; 30 table games and six poker tables; an event

center that seats up to 1,000 guests theater style or that seats more than 500 guests banquet style; a buffet restaurant and a fine dining restaurant; a coffee shop; a night club/sports bar; a gift shop and an art gallery.

Construction services are being provided by Clark Construction, and Leo A. Daly Architects is the design firm.

To view photos showing the progress of the Odawa Casino Resort construction, please see page 20.

## Day Care Assistance

Applications for the 2006-2007 Day Care Assistance Program are now available.

If you live in Emmet, Charlevoix or Cheboygan County and would like more information, please stop in at Human Services, 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application. You may also call 1-888-309-5822 and ask for Human Services.

**This is an income based program.**

## LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)

If you live in Michigan and need assistance with Fuel Oil, Propane, Electric, Natural Gas or Wood/Coal and are Low Income, please stop by Human Services at 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application. You may also call 1-888-309-5822 and ask for Human Services.

You can apply once during October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007 for each type of assistance available:

1. **Direct:** Any assistance not an emergency
2. **Emergency:** Will help with Shut-off or tank less than 10%
3. **Weatherization:** Insulation, storm door, etc.

Applications for all programs are accepted until funds run out.

A limited supply of heaters, window plastic kits and weather-stripping is available for pickup at the Human Services Building during regular business hours.

## Three Fires Midewiwin Winter Ceremonies, February 14-18

*Tribal Gymnasium • 7070 East Broadway Rd. • Isabella Indian Reservation • Mt. Pleasant, MI*

<b>February 14</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Wednesday Arrival &amp; Preparations</b> Midewanniquay Water Offering Preparation <i>ALL Chiefs and Midequays MUST be present by NOON of February 14 at the Lodge site for building and preparations</i>	7:30 - 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m.'ish	Break & Lodge Preparations Drum Call-In: All Midewiwin & Initiates MUST be present Naming Ceremonies & Clan Identifications	our Midewiwin history. We must look ahead to where the Lodge extends to embrace our future generations.
7 p.m.	<b>Announce Fire Lighting Ceremony</b>	2 p.m.	Ogitchidaw & Buffalo Dance Feast	<b>Teachings • Healing Ceremonies • Jingle Dress Healing Dance • Feasts • Youth Sessions • Sweats • Naming &amp; Clan Ceremonies • Memorials</b>
<b>February 15</b> 6:44 a.m.	<b>Lighting of the Fire</b> Lighting of the Fire 1st Sunrise Ceremony: Grand Chief, Presiding Work Details/Schedules, Announcements, Lodge Issues & Concerns, Preparations. Fire Chief will announce Fire Lighting Ceremony	3 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8 p.m. 10 p.m.'ish	Ogitchidaw & Buffalo Dance Grand Entry Feast ( <i>casual</i> ) Break & Jingle Dress Dance Preparation Jingle Dress Healing Dance Social, Singing, Dancing, Laughing, Mide Life, Joy & Happiness	<b>Ogitchidaw Society Dance Honoring All Warriors, Veterans, Ogitchidaws, and Ogitchidaw Quays – Special Lodge event in honor and recognition of the Anishinabe leaders, Pontiac and Tecumseh</b>
7:30- 9:30 a.m. 10 a.m.	Chief Drum & Helpers presiding Break & Lodge Preparations Drum Call-In: All Midewiwin MUST be present Lodge Opening Ceremonies & Lodge Protocols <i>~All Initiates must be in the Lodge by NOON today ~</i>	<b>February 18</b> 6:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. 11 a.m. Noon	<b>Protocols &amp; Wrap-Up</b> Final Sunrise Ceremony Last Tobacco, Pipe Filling, Final Sacred Water Offering & Sharing Finale – Mi ewe Ghiezhceetaw-yung – Last Words, Travel Song, Dance Out Last Feast ( <i>casual</i> ) On the Road Clean-up gym, kitchen, grounds <i>Hugs, Tears, Peace</i>	All Anishinabe People, all Tribes, Nations are welcome, and especially people who are interested in learning and sharing in the effort to bring peace and understanding between all people and all faiths/beliefs . . . Children of the Earth and the One Creator, Spirit.
1 p.m.	Welcome Feast hosted by the Grand Chief & Family and Mitten Mide			<b>Respectfully,</b>  <b>Bawdwaywidun (Eddie Benton-Banai)</b> Grand Chief, Three Fires Midewiwin Lodge
2 p.m.	Water is Sacred/Water is Life Teaching		The Grandfather Drums and the Little Boy Water Drums, Center Fire, and Mitten Mide of the Three Fires Lodge call all Peoples from all Doorways for Winter Ceremonies to be held at the Saginaw Ojibwe Tribal Gymnasium located at 7070 East Broadway on the Isabella Indian Reservation near Mt. Pleasant, MI.	<b>George &amp; Sid Martin</b> Mitten Mide Ogimaws
5 p.m.	Initiates' Preparation & Teachings			For more information, please contact Angel Jackson at 989-772-7212, 989-621-2409 or <a href="mailto:anjackson@sagchip.org">anjackson@sagchip.org</a> . Sonja Sowmick 989-779-8479 <i>home</i> • 989-775-4010 <i>work</i> <a href="mailto:sosowmick@sagchip.org">sosowmick@sagchip.org</a> Steve & Mae Pego 989-773-0930 <a href="mailto:spego@sagchip.org">spego@sagchip.org</a> and <a href="mailto:mpego@sagchip.org">mpego@sagchip.org</a> Rodney Loonsfoot 989-506-3497 <a href="mailto:loonsfoot@coolindian.com">loonsfoot@coolindian.com</a> Shannon Martin 989-775-4761 <a href="mailto:smartin@sagchip.org">smartin@sagchip.org</a>
6 p.m.	Feast			
8 p.m.	Initiate Sweats			
<b>February 16</b> 6:45 a.m.	<b>Ceremonies (continue)</b> Sunrise Ceremony			
7:30 - 9:30 a.m. 10 a.m.	Break and Lodge Preparations Drum Call-In: All Midewiwin & Initiates MUST be present Lodge Ceremonies & Protocols Feast		Camp Day is February 14. <b>Initiates must prepare to arrive Wednesday evening to be present for the meeting at 7 p.m.</b> Ceremonies will begin with the first Fire Lighting/Sunrise Ceremony on <b>February 15</b> followed by the Grand Entry into the Lodge and Welcome Feast.	
Noon 1:30 p.m.	Initiate Teaching Session/Youth Session/Women & Men's Teachings Feast			
6 p.m.	Initiate Preparation & Teachings ( <i>continue</i> )			
Evening <b>February 17</b> 6:45 a.m.	<b>Ceremonies (continue)</b> Sunrise Ceremony		For all Three Fires Midewiwin People, this is a time for re-dedication and re-commitment to belief, faith, and pursuit of Midewiwin Life, and to renew and strengthen the connection we have to	



**Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program**

The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program is a summer mentoring program for high school students sponsored by the American Fisheries Society. The principal goal of the Hutton Program is to stimulate interest in careers in fisheries science and management among groups underrepresented in the fisheries professions.

Application to the program is open to all sophomore, junior, and senior high school students. A scholarship of \$3,000 is awarded to each student accepted into the program. Students are selected by the American Fisheries Society based upon their application.

It is a great opportunity for high school students interested in fisheries to gain experience while working with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) Natural Resource Department for the summer. Student applications for the summer of 2007 are due by February 15. More information and student applications can be found on the American Fisheries Society website at [www.web.fisheries.org/main/](http://www.web.fisheries.org/main/).

You can also contact Inland Fisheries Biologist Justin Chiotti in the LRBOI Natural Resource Department at 231-398-2195 or [jchiotti@lrboi.com](mailto:jchiotti@lrboi.com) for more information.

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Cellular 231-620-1260 Toll Free 1-800-366-9166**

**CELLULAR ONE - AHAD Request Form**

**For LTBB Employees & Citizens**  
(Account Hierarchy/Business Advantage Discount)

**Date Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Root Account:** LTBB Odawa Indians - ACCT # 0170110714 **Cycle:** 22

**Attached Accounts**

**ACCT#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cycle:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Liable**  **X**

*Your account number and cycle can be found in the upper right hand corner of your Cellular One billing statement. For example, if the billing date is May 22, 2006, your cycle is 22.*

**Requested by / Sales Representative:** Sheldon Slicker / Northern Cellular & Paging - N3

**Contact Number:** 231-620-1260

**Customer / Account Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer Contact #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please include proof of employment)  
Fax To: 231-938-4949

**2007 PROJECTED ELECTION SCHEDULE**

JANUARY 10	NOTICE OF ELECTION MAILED
FEBRUARY 9	NOMINATION PETITIONS DUE BACK TO ELECTION BOARD
FEBRUARY 10	LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR PRIMARY ELECTION
MARCH 27	LAST DATE TO WITHDRAW FROM ELECTION IN WRITING LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
MARCH 28	ELECTION BOARD FINALIZES THE PRIMARY BALLOT
APRIL 11	CANDIDATE INFORMATION MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY
APRIL 11	BALLOTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY
APRIL 21	PRIMARY ELECTION "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM"

**FRIDAY MAY 11, PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

MAY 25	PRIMARY ELECTION CERTIFIED AND GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY
JUNE 9	GENERAL ELECTION "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM"

**MONDAY JUNE 25, GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

JULY 10	GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED
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**NEW TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE SWORN IN AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING**

**IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION**

**YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE 2007 TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**

TO CHECK IF YOU ARE REGISTERED OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE FORMS TO REGISTER, CALL DENISE PETOSKEY AT 231-881-2994 OR CAROL QUINONES AT 616-774-9534.

**Housing Department Programs**

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area. For more details on the service area, please refer to the map on page 14.

**Short Term Rental Assistance:** This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used **One Time Only** and the rent requested must be affordable and may not exceed 30% of the household's monthly income.

**Home Improvement Program:** This program offers up to \$2,500 for non-cosmetic home repairs and may be utilized once every five years.

**Down Payment Assistance:** This program offers up to \$5,000 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and **Can Be Used to Purchase or Re-finance a Home.**

**Foreclosure Prevention Program:** This program offers up to \$3,000 to assist in foreclosure prevention.

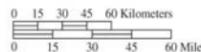
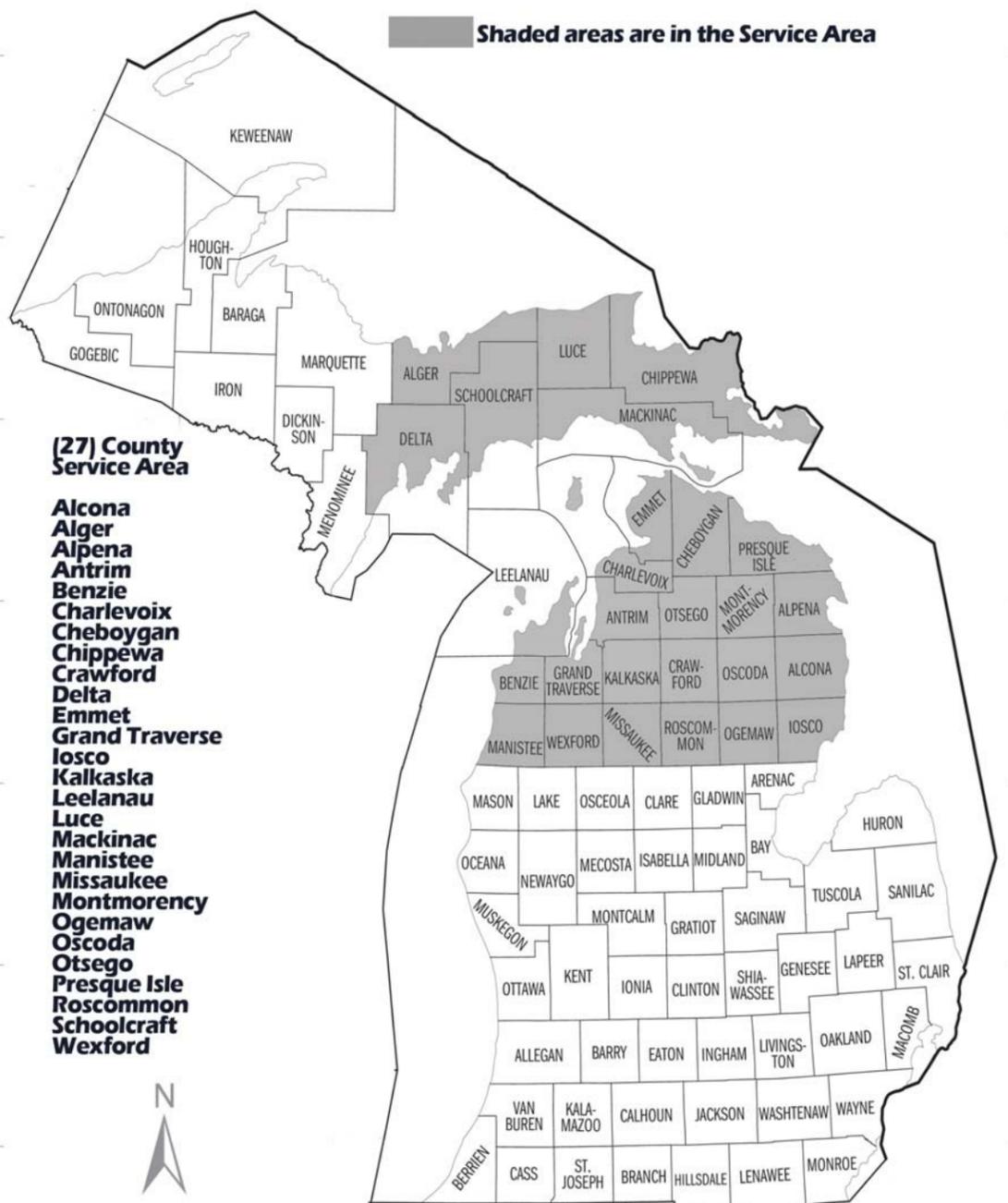
**Well & Septic Assistance Program:** Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault St. Marie, MI; this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation on a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

**Credit Counseling:** Our counseling provides tribal citizens the knowledge it takes to gain financial stability and credibility.

**Transitional Housing Program:** This program is designed to assist families, for a limited time, until permanent housing can be found. **(Limited Availability).** Please submit a Letter of Interest and your name will be placed on our Waiting List.

**Elders Housing Development:** Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development consists of 12 units and is designed to meet the needs of very low to moderate income level elderly tribal citizens, age 55 and older. Please complete application and your name will be placed on our Waiting List.

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area**



**Programs receiving funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and some Indian Health Services (IHS) are limited to serving members within a 27 county service area.**

**HUNTING IS ALLOWED ON THE LISTED TRIBAL PROPERTIES ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:**

**OPEN TO ALL HUNTING**

WAAWAASHKESH (DEER) WILD AREA:	80 ACRES
MURRAY RD. (OLD NRD OFFICE)	80 ACRES
ST. MARTINS ISLAND	47.8 ACRES
OSBORNE RD. EAST	40 ACRES
OSBORNE RD. WEST (SOUTH OF THE PINES)	30 ACRES
DRYER RD.	80 ACRES
SUSAN CREEK (PERMIT ONLY)	55 ACRES

**CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRD (WATERFOWL)**

NINE MILE POINT	LOT
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**CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING EXCEPT BOW HUNTING**

TRIBAL HOUSING	80 ACRES
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**CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING**

GOVERNMENTAL CENTER	97.6 ACRES
BEAVER ISLAND DOCK	LOT
BIO-STATION (ALDRICH)	LOT
ODAWA CASINO PROPERTY-CEMETERY RD.	100 ACRES
OSBORNE RD. WEST (POW WOW GROUNDS)	10 ACRES
VICTORIES CASINO (U.S. 131 SOUTH)	5.6 ACRES
VICTORIES CASINO OFFICE (SPRING ST.)	LOT
VICTORIES HOTEL	LOT
915 EMMET	LOT
1345 U.S. 31 NORTH	LOT

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE NATURAL RESOURCE OFFICE AT 231-242-1670

# Tribal Citizens

IF YOU MOVE, PLEASE CONTACT THE TRIBAL ENROLLMENT OFFICE AND WE WILL SEND YOU AN ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAL PARENT TO COMPLETE AN ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM.

IF YOU ARE A CUSTODIAL PARENT, PLEASE PROVIDE PROOF BY DOCUMENTATION.

ONCE A MINOR TURNS 18, YOU MUST CONTACT THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE AND COMPLETE AN ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM OR WE WILL MARK YOU AS UNDELIVERABLE.

IF YOU ARE INCARCERATED AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUALLY RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER, YOU MUST KEEP YOUR ADDRESS CURRENT.

TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR, WE WILL NOTIFY YOU FOR PURPOSES OF THE PER CAPITA PAYMENT.

ADULT VERIFICATION FORM MUST BE WITNESSED.

MINOR VERIFICATION FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED.

CONTACT ENROLLMENT ASSISTANT LINDA GOKEE AT 231-242-1521 OR ENROLLMENT OFFICER PAULINE BOULTON AT 231-242-1520.

## Tax Agreement Reminder

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.

## Child Passenger Safety Seats Available



- Convertible Car Seats
- High Back Booster Seats
- Low Back Booster Car Seats

**Mskiki Gumik Health Park**  
Contact person:  
**Tina Shawano, MCH RN,**  
Certified CPS Technician  
231-242-1614

**Governmental Center**  
Contact person:  
**Breanna Thompson**  
231-242-1506  
Certified CPS Technicians  
**Dawn Parky**  
Officer Guenthardt  
Sergeant Givens

Give a woman a quilt and she will keep warm; but teach her to quilt and she'll get so much more.

The Community Health Department offers quilt making classes.

January 31 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

February 21 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

March 3 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Call 231-242-1601 for more information or to sign up.

## Tribal Contractors Wanted For New Casino Construction



Call Tom Ollman at Clark Construction 231-487-0338

## On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Tina Sutton



### Michigan

651-293-5191  
www.indianeducation.spps.org

February 10-11  
24th Annual MSU Pow Wow of Love  
Jenison Fieldhouse on the MSU campus  
East Lansing, MI  
Contact Information:  
NAISO at 517-432-7153

February 17-19  
Mid Winter Pow Wow  
Elementary School gym  
Nett Lake, MN  
Contact Information:  
218-757-3261  
bf\_powwow@yahoo.com  
www.powwowtime.bravehost.com

February 16-18  
Cabin Fever Traditional Pow Wow  
Taylor, MI  
Contact Information:  
Donna, April or Carol at 313-271-5443

February 17-19  
Eighth Cherish the Children Pow Wow  
Central High School gym located at Marshall and Lexington  
St. Paul, MN  
Contact Information:  
651-227-4184, ext. 15  
shawneehunt@aindahyung.com  
www.aindahyung.com

March 31-April 1  
Dance for Mother Earth Contest Pow Wow  
Crisler Arena  
Ann Arbor, MI  
Contact Information:  
Angela Munoz at 734-763-9044

### Minnesota

February 3  
Spirit of the Earth Traditional Pow Wow  
Centennial High School  
Circle Pines, MN  
Contact Information:  
763-783-7362

March 9  
St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Traditional Pow Wow  
The American Indian Magnet  
St. Paul, MN  
Directions: 94 East to Mounds Blvd. (left exit), right to Third St. and left to Earl St.  
Free and open to the public.  
Contact Information:  
651-293-5191  
www.indianeducation.spps.org

February 9  
St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Traditional Pow Wow  
The American Indian Magnet  
1075 E. Third St.  
St. Paul, MN  
Directions: 94 East to Mounds Blvd. (left exit), right to Third St. and left to Earl St.  
Free and open to the public.  
Contact Information:

March 24  
23rd Annual Circle of Nations Indian Association Pow Wow  
Morris, MN  
Contact Information:  
Mike Miller at 320-589-6094  
millermr@morris.umn.edu.



WAGANAKISING ODAWA

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of  
Odawa Indians

Tribal Council Meeting  
December 17, 2006

Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle  
9:15 a.m. Smudging  
9:30 a.m.

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called  
to order at 9:33 a.m.

Council Present: Legislative Leader  
Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L.  
Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman,  
Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor  
Alice Yellowbank, Councilor  
Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina  
Gasco Bentley, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.

Absent: Councilor Rita Shananaquet

Executive Office Present: none

Legal Staff Present: none

Staff Present: Michele LaCount-  
Legislative Office Manager, Doug  
Craven-Natural Resources Director

Commission, Boards, and Committees: none

Guests: Mary Schneider, Courtney  
Schneider, Rochelle Schneider,  
Jacob Schneider, Susan Swadling,  
Sarah Craven

Opening Ceremony: Dexter McNamara

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt the agenda for December 17, 2006, as amended, in honor of Yvonne Walker Keshick and Leonard Joe Mitchell.  
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Roberts to approve the minutes of December 3, 2006, as presented.  
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)  
Motion carried.

9:50 a.m. Councilor Shananaquet arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution # 121706-02 Quill Art of the Waganakising Odawa.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.  
Motion carried.

10:30 a.m. Recess called.  
10:40 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-027 Marriage.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Oldman to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-028 Administrative Procedures Act.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.  
Motion carried.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Mary Schneider, Courtney Schneider, Rochelle Schneider, Susan Swadling, Michele LaCount  
12:26 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:26 p.m. Lunch recess called until 2:00 p.m.  
2:06 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Oldman to add to the Legislative Agenda proposed legislation Legislative Procedures.  
Vote: 8 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Yellowbank), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-026 Amendment to Tribal Elections and Election Board. Section IV Definitions Amendment Tribal Elections and Election Board Statute being Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-026, is amended by changing the definition of "Qualified Voter" - all Tribal Citizens who are eighteen (18) years older and a registered voter at the time of election.  
Motion withdrawn.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution # 121706-01 Establishment of Capital Project Fund for the Construction of the Fish Hatchery at Drier Road property.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor

Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve Citizenship List A Eligible for Citizenship dated November 28, 2006, for a total of 2.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to approve Citizenship List B Declination (Ineligible) dated November 28, 2006.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent  
Motion carried.

3:42 p.m. Recess called.  
3:47 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to accept the Legislative Leaders report for December 17, 2006, including the confidential material.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to accept the Tribal Treasurer's verbal report for December 17, 2006.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent  
Motion carried.

3:54 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to go into executive session for land issues.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Harrington), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent  
Motion carried.

4:14 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Roberts to return to open session.  
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept the Executive's portion of the draft budget for 2008.  
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution # 121706-03 Requesting the Legal Department provide Tribal Council with a Brief of all/any remaining legal issues that may im-

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2007

February 10 Work Session  
February 11 Council Meeting  
February 24 Work Session  
February 25 Council Meeting

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pact the opening of Odawa Casino Resort.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-abstain, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-abstain, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes.  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Roberts to authorize Tribal Council attendance at the Anishnaabemowin Teg and Critical Issues Conferences in March 2007, the Governmental Employee Appreciation Night in January 2007, and the Legislative Attorney Interviews in January 2007.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent  
Motion carried.

4:38 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adjourn.  
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent  
Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:  
Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary

## GREETINGS FROM THE LTBB ENERGY WORKGROUP

Boo-zhoo.

My name is Deleta Gasco Smith. I am the Housing Director for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and a member of a workgroup that has been meeting regularly to develop an energy code for the tribe. We have been meeting under a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior to explore alternative/renewable energy resources. This grant has provided funding for us to hire a consultant and meet monthly. We have been allowed the opportunity to try and seek resources to assist us as we strive to heal our Mother Earth of the damages that we have inflicted on her over the past 200 years.

In the beginning of time as we know it, the master of life, the Creator, put the Anishnaabe here on this island and gave us the resources we needed to survive. Creator gifted us with the tools of the sun, wind, water, the Mother Earth and the knowledge to use these resources so

we could thrive here within our homelands. Over the past 200 years, an incredible amount of damage has been inflicted on this Mother Earth at the hands of "progress." We were told this progress would be good for us. We have seen from firsthand experience how that turned out. Before our contact from foreign shores, Anishnaabe thrived here because of our deep physical and spiritual connection with Aki, our Mother Earth. We respected her. We honored her. We gave thanks for the gifts we were given.

We now have the opportunity to assist Aki as she heals from all the damage, destruction and desecration she has received in the name of progress. We can continue to stand by and watch further destruction or we can stand up and advocate for the changes necessary to provide a safe and secure future for the next seven generations. By seeking and implementing alternative/renewable

energy resources, we are reducing our dependency on outside resources for energy consumption and thus, promoting our own economic self-sufficiency.

We have begun small steps toward our own economic self-sufficiency. A small community garden has been planted. Our fishermen have begun fishing our lakes through tribal resources. By exploring alternative/renewable energy sources and advocating for the changes necessary to heal our Mother Earth, we can and will provide the opportunity for essential changes needed to assist her as she heals. We can and will continue to create a community where the next seven generations and beyond will be proud of, thrive in and continue to call home.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deleta Gasco Smith  
Chi-Miigwetch  
Baamaapii Gwa-waabmin

## METCALF INSTITUTE AWARDED NSF GRANT TO SUPPORT DIVERSITY IN JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIPS

The Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting was awarded a \$856,479 grant from the National Science Foundation to support six 42-week paid science and reporting fellowships for minority journalists. The Metcalf Institute administered this five-year program starting in 2006.

The Diversity Fellowships in Environmental Reporting (DFER) fellowships provide six working minority reporters with paid fellowships to study science independently for four weeks to make connections between science and public policy issues and provide them with reporting opportunities at several national media organizations in the country. The \$856,479 award builds on and expands the Metcalf Institute's current minority journalism program, which has provided seven minority journalists fellowships since 2001.

"Supporting diversity, science training, and informed reporting on the environment is a true representation of the values that are important to the Metcalf Institute," said Jackleen de La Harpe, Executive Director of the Metcalf Institute, based at the URI Graduate School of Oceanography (GSO) in Narragansett, RI. "We're so proud to provide this valuable experience to journalists from across the country for the next five years."

The Metcalf Institute Diversity in Environmental Reporting Fellowships begins with a three-day

science immersion workshop that will integrate science with environmental justice issues, followed by four weeks of independent study at URI focusing on science and working with scientists at GSO. After the independent study, fellows work for 37 weeks reporting on science and the environment for one of six media outlets, including NOVA Science Television/NOVA Online, Boston, MA; Talk of the Nation: Science Friday, New York City, NY; *The Providence Journal*; and National Public Radio's WBUR, in Boston.

The NSF grant builds on a smaller Metcalf Institute program begun in 2001 with journalists working at the *Providence Journal* and WBUR. That was funded primarily by the Providence Journal Charitable Foundation. Other funders have included the Sharpe Family Foundation, *The New York Times* Foundation, the Rhode Island Foundation, The Telaka Foundation, and several private foundations.

The Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting was established in 1997 with funding from the Belo Corporation, *The Providence Journal*, *The Washington Post's* Philip L. Graham Fund, and the Telaka Foundation. The Metcalf Institute is named in honor of the late publisher of *The Providence Journal*, Michael P. Metcalf.

### How to Apply

Minority journalists from all media are invited to apply for a Metcalf Institute Diversity Fellow-

ship in Environmental Reporting.

Eligible journalists must have no less than one year of journalism experience, must be a U.S. citizen, must self-identify as a traditionally under-represented minority, and must have a demonstrated interest in improving their environmental and science reporting skills.

The 42-week fellowships consist of four weeks of independent study, including an orientation and an environmental justice workshop, and nine months working as a reporter covering science and the environment at one of six news outlets. The fellowship includes a \$28,000 stipend for ten months and travel funds.

The Diversity Fellowships in Environmental Reporting is funded by a grant from the Geosciences Division of the National Science Foundation.

Submit the original and one copy of all application materials. Information will be used only to evaluate applicants. Please complete all items. Applications must be postmarked by April 9, 2007.

For more information on the September 2007-June 2008 fellowship, call the Metcalf Institute at 401-874-6211 or download the application at [www.metcalfinstitute.org](http://www.metcalfinstitute.org).

Send application package to:  
Fellowships Coordinator  
Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting  
URI Graduate School of Oceanography  
Narragansett, RI 02882

## Advertise in the Odawa Trails

If you are interested in advertising in upcoming *Odawa Trails* newsletters, please call the LTBB Communications Department

**231-242-1427**

### Traditional Healer

## Jake Pine

is available for appointments on the following dates:

February 26 and 27  
March 26 and 27  
April 23 and 24  
May 28 and 29  
June 25 and 26  
July 23 and 24  
August 27 and 28  
September 24 and 25  
October 22 and 23  
November 26 and 27

All appointments at the LTBB Community Health Department located at 1080 Hager Drive in Petoskey, MI. For more details or to schedule appointments, call 231-242-1601.

## Are You Interested in Working for the LTBB Government?

If you would like to be included in the LTBB Human Resources database, please send resumé and cover letter to:

[mcolby@lbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:mcolby@lbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
(send as Microsoft Word or as a PDF)

or LTBB Human Resources  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740



(IMPORTANT: We need an e-mail address to notify you when a position that meets your interests becomes available.)

Please check our website, [www.lbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.lbbodawa-nsn.gov), for current openings or call our toll free job hotline at 1-866-582-2562. Job postings are updated every Friday.

## Unit Vacancies

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians HOUSING DEPARTMENT has Unit Vacancies and are accepting applications for the following areas:

Peshawbestown-Three Bedroom units  
Benzonia-Three Bedroom units  
East Jordan-(Charlevoix) Two and three Bedroom units

**MUST BE A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE**

Stop by the GTB Housing Department, and we would be glad to help you fill out an application. We can also mail or fax you one. Contact GTB HOUSING at 231-534-7800 or contact Occupancy Specialist Sandy Bennett at 231-534-7802 for further information.

**MUST BE INCOME QUALIFIED and you must provide a DRIVER'S LICENSE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, PICTURE TRIBAL I.D. & INCOME.**

**FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18, you must provide birth certificates, Social Security cards and Tribal I.D.**

### GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

THE GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING AGAIN. THE DEADLINES TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUESTS ARE MARCH 31 AND AUGUST 31. IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN APPLICATION, CONTACT MELISSA WIATROLIK AT 231-242-1420. THERE ARE THREE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE. SMALL GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRIBAL CITIZENS AND TRIBAL COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR EVENTS. BUSINESS GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS TO HELP WITH AN EXISTING OR NEW BUSINESS ENDEAVOR. DONATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR NATIVE OR NON-NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS.

# LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP...

## Birthdays

Happy belated birthday wishes to my siblings, **Linda** and **Don Keshick**, who celebrated on January 28 and January 31. From your darling sister, Yvonne.

Happy birthday to our favorite mom, **Chris Peariso**, on February 19. Love, Sandi, Rachel and Bean.

Winaagwi **Netawn**, to my gorgeous "first born." We are very proud of all your accomplishments, especially keeping our Anishinaabemowin alive through our precious grandchildren. Our wish came true: You and your "lil" family are home! Have a most wonderful MnoDebishkaan on February 19. It seems like only yesterday I saw your beautiful face even though it was 5:46 a.m. on February 19, 1975. Gzaaigin, MOM & DAD.

Happy 35th birthday to **Kathy VanDeCar** on February 24. We look forward to seeing you soon. From the King and VanDeCar families.

MinoDibishkaan Noshenh! Happy third birthday to my granddaughter **Waabzii Bigjohn**. Aapiji Gzaagigo (We love you lots). Nokomis

MinoDibishkaak Ndanwenmaaganak! Nzigozis **Grace (Auntie Grace Zerbe)**, Niitaawis **Pauline Boulton** (Grace daansan), Niningniskwezenhsak **Netawn Kiogima** miinwa **Reyna McFall**. Gzaaginim!

MinoDibishkaan Nwiiikiwenh **Crystal Greensky**, nasaap giizhigak niin ngiinjindaadiz, Mkwa Giizis, Niizhtana Sha Naanan! Gzaagin.

The family of **Derek McNamara** would like to wish him a very happy birthday on February 2 when he turns 24. We are very proud of this young man and proud of all the accomplishments he has made at Michigan State University. Love, Dad, Mom, Shane, Billy, Gunnar and Grandma.

Wishing **Tina Sutton** a very happy birthday on February 19. Love ya Teeny Weezy. From Marci Reyes.

**Aunty T:** To a special person in my life who always takes time to talk and play with me. I love you, and I hope you have a good year. All my love, Collin.

Belated birthday wishes go out to my sister, **Linda Gokee**. She celebrated her special day on January 28. May the Creator be with you and bless you always. With love, Theresa, Michael and Jordan.

## Birthdays

We would like to wish a belated birthday to our daughter-in-law, **Patti Boda**, who celebrated on January 17. Love you, Mom, Dad and brother, Doug.

We would like to wish our son, **Jeffrey Boda**, a happy birthday on February 20. Love you, Mom, Dad and brother, Doug.

Happy belated birthday to **Linda Gokee**. "Wine much, laugh often." From your favorite Auntie, Tootsie.

Many happy returns; belated birthday wishes to **Linda Gokee**. From Aunt Amelia.

We wish **Gary Compo** (and **Karen**) a huge happy birthday with best wishes for a good New Year. From your sisters, Tootsie and Amelia.

Happy birthday to our wonderful mother, **Grace Marie (King) Zerbe**, on February 9. We love you lots. Love, Dawn (Shenoskey), Pauline (Boulton) and Jeremy (Zerbe).

Happy birthday wishes to my beautiful daughter, **Alicia Hooper-Wiatrolik!** Love you, Mom.

Happy birthday wishes to my "Lil Man" **Jordan Hooper-Wiatrolik!** Love you, Mom.

Happy birthday to my long lost cuz, **Kathy V!** You can't hurt me from all the way over there in New Mexico. ... hahaha!! Love, your bestest cuz.

Happy birthday to myself on January 28 (LOL). My family forgot to put any birthday announcements for me in the January issue of *Odawa Trails*, but no worries. I know I will have a super, terrific day as I can only have. Ya'll know I will. Love, myself (aka **Lin**).

Have a happy birthday **Dad (Steve Otto)**. We hope the anniversary of the day of your birth is a fantastic one. Don't work too hard and remember to have fun. Love, Aaron and Rebeca.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Theresa Keshick** whose photographs will be appearing in the upcoming *Indian Country Today's Annual Pow Wow Magazine*. I am so proud of you. May this begin a successful journey in photography. Keep reaching for the stars! Love always, your sister, Lin.

## Congratulations

Good job daughter, **Dawn Shenoskey**, for receiving all A's in your college classes. A job well done! Love, Mom.

Congratulations to Victories Hotel Director **Martin VanDeCar** who was recently selected as the vice president of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He was previously the secretary of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. We are very proud of your accomplishments. From the King and VanDeCar families.

## Birth Announcements



**Hiram Mzhko Walker-Gross** was born on December 23 in Petoskey, MI. He weighed eight pounds, and he was 21 inches long. His parents are Lindsey Walker and Duaine Gross of Petoskey. His grandparents are Sharon and the late Richard Walker of Petoskey, and Susie and Robert Bickham of Petoskey. His great-grandmother was the late Roseann Maureen (Petoskey) Gross.



**Mia Noelle McCreery** was born on December 26 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, MI. She weighed eight pounds and 11 ounces, and she was 21 inches long. Her parents are Mike and Lynette McCreery of Petoskey. Her big brother is Gavin McCreery of Petoskey. Her grandparents are Lynn and Becky Bellinger of Mt. Pleasant, MI, Carole and Roger Tally of Midland, MI, and Bill and Sally McCreery of Bay City, MI.

## Announcements

A belated wish to all tribal citizens for a prosperous and happy new year for 2007. From the Tribal Council/Legislative Office.

**Summer Volunteers Sought to Make Flower Crowns**  
The LTBB Elders Association seeks summer volunteers willing to assist in making flower crowns to be placed on tribal graves in cemeteries around the northern Michigan area. The flower crowns will be placed on graves in late October. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, contact Harriet Kishigo-Booth at 231-838-6547 or Virginia Lewis at 231-330-8491.

## Announcements

**Victories Casino and Hotel Announces a Dealers Training School in March**

Did you hear Victories Casino and Hotel is hosting a Dealers Training School?

In preparation for the opening of Odawa Casino Resort in June, trainees are being sought. Below are some of the frequently asked questions:

**Q1: When will the Dealers Training School be held?**  
A1: The Dealers Training School runs from March 5 through the opening of the Odawa Casino Resort in June.

**Q2: What games will be taught?**  
A2: We will be teaching blackjack, craps, roulette, poker, three-card poker, Let It Ride, and perhaps Pai Gow Poker and Mini-Baccarat.

**Q3: What will the hours of the Dealers Training School be?**  
A3: The classes will be Monday through Friday with two sessions per day. Session A is noon to 4 p.m., and Session B is 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

**Q4: Can anyone attend the training?**  
A4: Class size is limited. LTBB Tribal Citizens have preference in regards to enrollment. All Dealer candidates will need to pass a basic math test to be eligible for admission.

**Q5: Am I guaranteed a job if I go to the school?**  
A5: No. Completion of the school and successfully passing proficiency tests and auditions does not guarantee an offer of employment. All employment offers will be contingent on passing a drug test and a background investigation.

**Q6: Will I be required to learn all of the games?**  
A6: No. You will be required to deal blackjack and one other major game (craps, roulette, and/or poker) along with three-card poker and Let it Ride.

*For more information, please contact: Victories Human Resources 231-439-5380 Ask for the Dealer Training Opportunity!*

## Miigwetch

On behalf of the children who received presents from the 2006 Christmas Angels, we would like to send out a big thank you. Presents were gifted to 92 children, helping 38 families have a brighter Christmas. Thank you from the Human Services staff.

We would like to thank those tribal citizens and community citizens who assisted at the 2006 Winter Solstice Party. Through your generous donation of time and energy, this event was a huge success. A big thank you goes out to the Tribal Council for approving funding for the party. Thank you from the Human Services staff.

## Walking on. . .

**Franklin L. Chingwa**  
Franklin L. Chingwa, 87, walked on December 19, 2006, from Bortz Health Care in Petoskey, MI. He was born October 20, 1919, the son of Joseph and Jennie (Mixmong) Chingwa in Hendrie, MI. He grew up in Petoskey and attended St. Francis Xavier School until his graduation. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945. He married Anne Chliek on October 18, 1997 in Morgan Town, WV. He worked at the Penn Dixie Cement Plant for more than 30 years as a heavy equipment operator. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, reading and spending time with his grandson. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife, Anne M. Chingwa, of Petoskey; his son, Franklin J. (Patty) Chingwa of Petoskey; his grandson, Joshua F. Chingwa of Petoskey; his sister, Margaret J. Carey, of Petoskey; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Jennie Chingwa; his first wife, Mary M. Chingwa, in May 1997; his brothers, William Chingwa and Joe Chingwa; and his sister, Virginia Vandegriff.

**Ida Mae Lucia**  
Ida Mae Lucia, 87, walked on December 14, 2006, at the Pine River Healthcare Facility in St. Louis, MI. She was born July 27, 1919 in Nahma, Delta County, MI, to Allen and Elizabeth (Moses) Lucia. She lived in Mt. Pleasant, MI, for the past 20 years. She was a homemaker, a waitress and cook and a nurse's aide. She also volunteered at the Seventh Generation Cultural Center and the Sowmick Senior Center in Mt. Pleasant. She was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She was also a member of Naanooshke Kwewag Waalye Women's Circle. She is survived by two daughters, Mary Lynn of Mt. Pleasant and Krystine (Carlos) Rojas of Petoskey, MI; three sons, Arthur (Antoinette) Beaver of Laredo, TX; Leon (Beverly) Trueblood of Salisbury, NC; and David Jonas Johnson of Detroit, MI; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and four sisters.



# ODAWA CASINO RESORT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Photo by Annette VanDeCar on January 11, 2007



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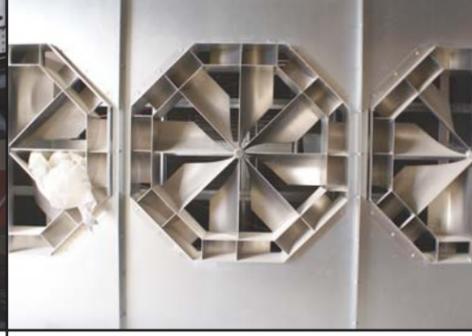


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On January 11, Communications Assistant Aaron Wayne Otto and I returned to the Odawa Casino Resort construction site in Petoskey, MI, to take updated photos. Similar to our previous trips to the construction site, we were escorted by Victories Casino and Hotel Facilities Director Barry Laughlin. Because Laughlin gave us an extended tour this time, we decided to include more photos than in previous months. We will return every month to take updated photos to share with the tribal community until the Odawa Casino Resort project is completed. The project is expected to be completed by June. To view more photos, visit [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) and click on photos.